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Province sweetens the pot to keep Alberta gambling

House money. AGLC to invest in 'large-scale' casino tech upgrade



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Alberta is betting on new technology to carry on its high-rolling ways with an evolving breed of casino gamblers.

Gaming authorities plan to modernize casinos by the end of 2018, a move the Alberta Gaming and Liquor Commission's Niaz Nejad described as upgrading the "guts of what runs all the slot machines."

"It's all about sustaining our revenues," said Nejad.

The province will rake in \$1.48 billion in the 2014-15 fiscal year, according to budget projections released last week. Gaming revenue

is predicted to jump by \$132 million the next two years after that, which would be the first hike after a relatively flat period over the last few years.

The bulk of gambling bucks are redirected to the Alberta Lottery Fund, which supports community programs and foundations.

David Hodgins, of the Alberta Gaming Research Institute, highlighted a well-established link between vice spending and the economy — although he suggested the tech upgrade may be a factor in the rosy forecasts.

"That's the purpose of the new machines, for sure," he said.

In 2010, the province revamped its aging VLT fleet and Nejad explained casinos were also badly due for an overhaul, with some computer systems dating back to 1996.

In upgrading casino tech-

nology now, the AGLC can bring in new head-to-head, leaderboard-style games, or what she called "skill-based gaming that's going on in Las Vegas" and elsewhere.

Gambling researcher Harold Wynne suggested the province is cashing in on the multiplayer gaming movement that started about a decade ago. Experts found machine-based gambling was evolving beyond a solo pursuit and began designing games accordingly, Wynne said.

"It's always about trying to put a product out in front of people that's going to be appealing, more interesting and draw more of a crowd," he told Metro. "This is just part of that."

It's unclear how much the upgrade will ultimately cost, with the AGLC only saying it's a "large-scale" project that will cost less than the \$187-million VLT modernization.

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Or is he a 'sad man'?

Backbencher bails, calls Redford a raging thug

Premier Alison Redford was a leader under siege Thursday, facing caucus turmoil, a dysfunctional office and an accusation that she's an abusive bully, prone to tantrums and fits of rage.

It's the latest chapter in what has become Redford's nightmarish narrative of sagging support amid revelations of lavish spending on herself and her inner circle.

On Wednesday, she tried to stem the caucus revolt by agreeing to pay back \$45,000 she and her aide, Brad Stables, spent to fly to South Africa for Nelson Mandela's funeral.

That was not enough, however, to stop Calgary backbencher Len Webber from quitting caucus Thursday to sit as an Independent.

Webber told reporters that Redford is disrespectful and has issues with uncontrolled anger.

"She's just really not a nice lady," Webber said. "I cannot return to work and sit on the same side as long as Alison Redford is sitting at the helm."

Webber had already announced his intention to seek the Conservative nomination in the new federal riding of Calgary Confederation.

Deputy premier Dave Hancock said Webber's remarks are tainted by the fact he is an ex-cabinet minister.

"He could not take the fact that in this business there are ups and there are downs," said Hancock.

"He's a very sad man."

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Home-based marijuana grow operations, like this one in Calgary visited last year, will soon be illegal. Police fear courier delivery of the drug to licensed users could pose new challenges. METRO FILE

Mail-order weed sparks fears for police, users

Burning need. Users dread rising costs, while cops worry for the safety of couriers



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Police and marijuana advocates worry that an expected increase in mail-order weed could bring new issues for ailing users — and new targets for opportunistic criminals.

Health Canada is outlawing home marijuana grows for licensed medicinal users effective April 1, and it appears unlikely an approved commer-

cial operation will be up and running by then. Calgary police expect to go before city council in April to talk about proper zoning for such a facility.

The lag between the new rules and localized production will likely force users to turn to one of 10 licensed producers in Canada and have the drug delivered by courier, according to Staff Sgt. Keith Hurley with the Alberta Law Enforcement Response Teams.

"I wouldn't want to be the guy driving that truck," he said. "You've just got a great, big target painted on your back."

That's just the latest concern from Alberta law-enforcement officials, most of whom support Health Canada's changes — home grow ops are said to

pose health and safety risks — but also question what Hurley called "ad-hoc" communication about the move.

Marijuana users have told Metro they plan to continue quietly growing their own supply after April 1, stating the only alternative is to purchase the drug off the street.

Steve, a local resident who ingests four grams a day to cope with nerve damage, said shipping costs can mount quickly.

In less than a year, the licensed user racked up a total bill for marijuana and shipping of \$6,900. Comparatively, he believes he could grow the necessary amount in his home for less than \$2,000.

Shipping is also unreliable, according to Steve, who said

Health Canada

Official response

"Dried marijuana will be securely shipped through a service directly to the client," Health Canada said in a statement. "Licensed (shipments) must meet stringent requirements... The regulations do not dictate a geographic distraction of license holders."

he filed a formal complaint in December after some of his marijuana was left in a communal mailbox.

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Calgary area reserve. Insulated dog houses en route to aid freezing pups

Dogs often left alone to brave frigid winters on a Calgary-area reserve are in line for some new digs.

The Rural Doghouse Program, steered by animal lover Stacy Cowan, is in the process of setting up 10 insulated doghouses at Morley and hopes to have 10 times that many ready to go in the weeks ahead.

"They're like little mini-homes ... it's not your average doghouse but it's not your average climate to be in either," explained Cowan.

She's been working closely with coordinator Jenn Leadley and volunteers from Rocky Mountain Animal Rescue. Speaking to Metro earlier this year, the organization painted a bleak picture of conditions for pups at Morley, claiming they rescued 250 abandoned on the reserve in 2013 alone and found dozens dead. In December, seven



It's hoped that on even the coldest nights, the interior of doghouses like this, which are being provided at Morley, won't dip below -5 C.
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dogs were found frozen to death in a single crate.

Each of the insulated doghouses comes at a price of about \$500 and Leadley said kits are being developed that will allow donors to build their own. JEREMY NOLAIS/METRO

Worth \$3M

Quebec-Alberta stolen vehicle scam busted

Police say they've busted a major stolen vehicle ring operating in Alberta and Quebec. Spokesman Mike Tucker says vehicles were allegedly stolen in Quebec and driven to Alberta, "legitimized" with fake vehicle identification numbers, registration and dealer tags before being taken back to Quebec, where they were re-registered before being sold to "friends and associates."

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Seven years old

Child hit by vehicle in serious condition

Emergency responders rushed a seven-year-old boy to hospital Thursday after he was struck by a vehicle in northwest Calgary. The incident occurred just after 4 p.m. at Kincora Glen Green and Kincora Glen Road NW, according to Duty Insp. Patty McCallum. "Reports were he may have exited a school bus and been inadvertently struck," said Calgary EMS spokesperson Stuart Brideaux. JEREMY NOLAIS/METRO



Every weekday, Calgary Transit ferries more than half a million Calgarians around the city. Given the jumbo-size job demands, riders are being urged to tip their caps to the women and men of public transportation. METRO FILE

Hail to the Calgary Transit bus driver

Thank-Your-Driver- Day. March 18.



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Heart attacks, knife-wielding passengers, bare-footed children on snowy streets — you name it, Calgary Transit drivers have seen it all.

Sitting around a break-room table, veteran operators Ziggy Brown and Beth Charette have plenty of yarn to spin.

"I've rescued dogs, little children, old people with

Alzheimer's that don't know where they're going," Charette said.

But she's also keen to add: "We don't do it for the recognition. We do it because it's the right thing to do."

"Exactly," chimes in Brown, who quit his job in Toronto in 2007 and openly gushes over how much he loves sitting in the driver's seat.

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"I've rescued dogs, little children, old people with Alzheimer's that don't know where they're going."

Beth Charette, Calgary Transit driver

On Tuesday, Calgary Transit is urging riders to express their gratitude toward drivers like Ziggy and Beth during the Thank-Your-Driver-Day. That could mean a smile, wave or even a personalized card.

"They just do an awesome job," said transit boss Doug Morgan. "We just want one day where we can make a point of saying 'Thanks, you do a lot

for Calgary and we're proud to have you here."

It's not always an easy gig, given strenuous schedules, foul weather and rush-hour traffic.

That's been the case for Rick Radcliffe, 19-year operator who now heads the Amalgamated Transit Union Local 583. Radcliffe pointed out bus drivers are the obligatory "sounding boards" for a readily cantankerous clientele.

Still, he acknowledged the simplest gestures do make a difference.

"Nothing makes me feel more appreciated than when someone gets off the bus and thanks me," he said.

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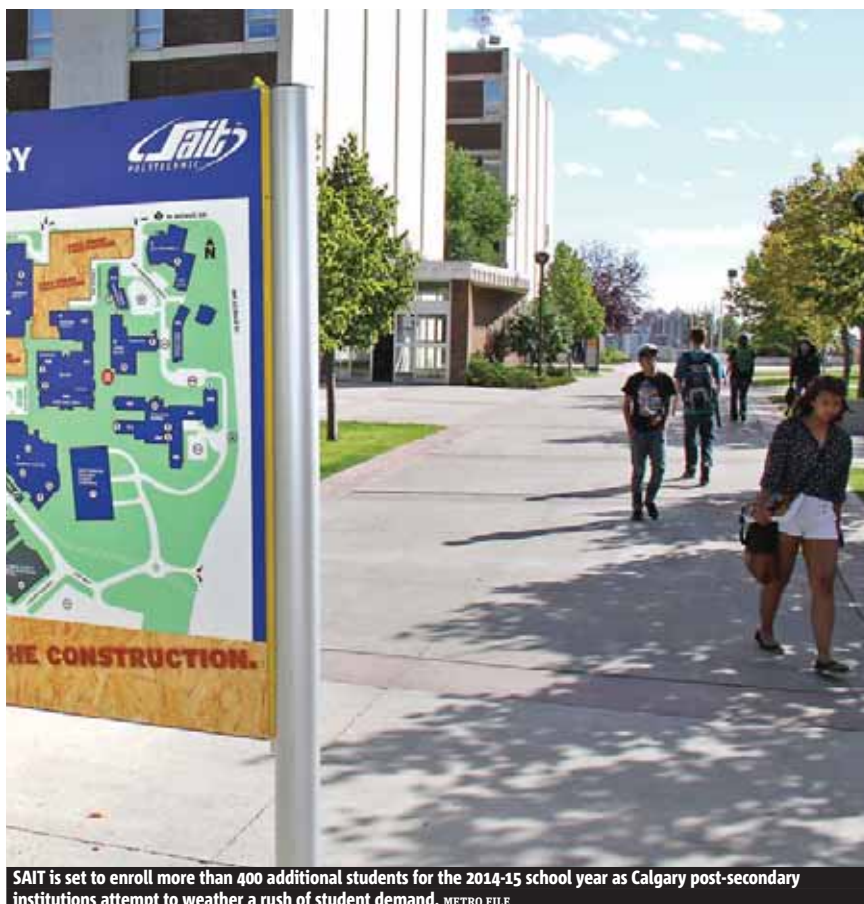


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SAIT is set to enroll more than 400 additional students for the 2014-15 school year as Calgary post-secondary institutions attempt to weather a rush of student demand. METRO FILE

More student spaces coming at U of C, SAIT

Education. Some schools are still sorting through where additional provincial funds will be used



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High-demand programs at both the University of Calgary and SAIT are set to enrol hundreds of more students this fall as early details of a hike to provincial post-secondary funding trickle out.

All told, base operating grants for Alberta's 26 post-secondary institutions will total \$2.1 billion in 2014-15, a boost of \$32.5 million over the current school year.

The province announced last week that the additional funding would be used to increase access by 2,000 spaces in programs dealing with a rush of student applications. The University of Calgary has since learned it will be able to enrol an additional 339 students this fall and 1,031 over the next

four years.

SAIT's immediate take appears even larger, with 434 more spaces freed for the fall. The polytechnic was unable to provide long-term growth projections.

Tegan Cochrane, president of the SAIT Students' Association, said the additional room will allow for the development of a more "well-rounded institution."

"With more students enrolled, we have more money to increase programs available for students and services and operations," she said.

"We do see a high demand for programs. There are waiting lists, specifically — a lot of petroleum programs are really sought after."

The U of C, meanwhile, has already grown by nearly 30 per cent over the past decade. The school's comprehensive institutional plan indicates it's already accommodating nine per cent more students than it should be in its total physical space.

But provost Dru Marshall said there is actually still

More to come

Bow Valley College and Mount Royal University could not provide enrolment figures for the coming school year, but an announcement with further details is expected from the provincial government sometime next week.

plenty of classroom space. Office areas for staff, however, are another matter.

"For the number of professors we need to get more students, it could be problematic," she said.

Not everyone has been so quick to applaud the province's injection of post-secondary cash. Paul Rogers, head of the U of C's Faculty Association, was quick to point out total Campus Alberta grants provided in the 2014-15 budget still fall about \$180 million short of initial projections in February 2012.

"This broken promise continues to badly damage the student experience at post-secondary institutions in Alberta," Rogers said.



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Ongoing aid. Pincott headed to Haiti to support governance development

When his Calgary-to-Dallas-to-Miami-to-Port Au Prince travel day begins Monday, Coun. Brian Pincott says he'll be anxious over the potential dangers waiting in earthquake-scarred Haiti.

But Pincott knows there's plenty of work to be done — even four years after the quake killed roughly 250,000 people, injured millions, and left a million-and-a-half Haitians homeless.

"It's a place that ... well, people don't go on vacation," he said.

As the city's Federation of Canadian Municipalities representative, Pincott will be in Haiti from March 17 to 30.

The trip is part of an FCM commitment to the



Coun. Brian Pincott METRO FILE

Programme Coopération Municipale, which is now entering its second five-year phase of aid to the Caribbean country.

"What we're helping (in this phase) is governance

infrastructure," Pincott said, noting he'll be working with Haitians from five communities and solely speaking French for two weeks.

"We want to help them operate as a local government."

This mission will lay the framework for progress over the next five years, leading the region to self-sufficiency in overseeing water treatment, sewage and other infrastructure and economics, said Pincott.

Taking part in the success of the rebuild clearly outweighs the perils for him.

"I'm excited by the possibility of helping them take control," Pincott added.

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If you ask a kid what they want to be when they grow up, you usually get the same answer: Firefighter, police officer, hockey player or doctor.

Blogger and politician are usually on the bottom of the list. And while I'd debate the toddlers about the former, I can definitely understand the reluctance towards a career in the latter, especially after this week.

Politicians at both the provincial and municipal levels garnered headlines this week for their behaviour during business hours. Both Service Alberta Minister Doug Griffiths and Labour Minister Thomas Lukaszuk, were scolded by Innisfail school kids who were shocked by their behaviour during a recent Question Period.

And even locally, Councillor Chu attracted mostly negative attention by implying that a city staffer must be high instead of assuming that the employee of the city was actually telling the truth.

These are our elected politicians, folks!

If you've ever been to a Question Period, really anywhere in the country, you know that the two ministers' behaviour isn't surprising. In fact, the only thing surprising is that schools still think question period is something worthy of a school trip.

Spend 10 minutes watching CPAC and you'll think you're watching the Maury Povich show, instead of our elected officials deciding what's best for our city, province and country. Name-calling, yelling and embarrassing behaviour is sadly common practice in Canadian politics.

A little closer to home, Councillor Chu was both reprimanded in person and

Ministers behaving badly

Name-calling, yelling and embarrassing behaviour is sadly common practice in Canadian politics.

online for his outburst and eventually offered up an apology. Councillor Ward Sutherland later praised Chu for taking responsibility for his actions. Which, kids if you're still reading, means that Sutherland thinks another elected official acting like an adult is worthy of public praise. Talk about sticking to your alliance.

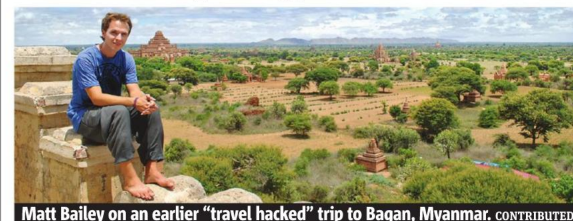
It seems to me that politicians, both municipal and provincial have forgotten that they aren't just representing themselves when they go to work, they are representing all the people in their constituencies. When I hear that Ministers Griffiths and Thomas are ac-

ing a certain way, or Councillor Chu is berating staff, I can't help but wonder what kind of people would vote for them? In theory, these elected officials' behaviours should reflect the behaviours of those they've been elected to represent. If that's true, remind me to never move to Ward 4.

But, of course, I know that's not true. Every politician has an ego and it would be a fantasy to think they would ever be able to fully separate personal agendas from the opinions of their constituents. Both the best and worst politicians are known for being emotional and passionate about political issues, but if you can't express your point in a reasonable and respectful way, then no one's going to listen anyway and worse yet, some people might never forget.

MIKE MORRISON TWEETS FROM @MIKESBLOGGITY AND TALKS ABOUT HIS ON FRIDAY MORNINGS ON KOOLFM.

'Travel hacker.' Living on the cheap as global citizen



Matt Bailey on an earlier “travel hacked” trip to Bagan, Myanmar. CONTRIBUTED

As a seasoned "travel hacker," Matt Bailey has been all over the world while spending precious little money, but his current adventure he counts among his best bargains.

"This trip I'm on right now was a pretty cold hack," Bailey, 29, said in a Skype interview from Mexico, where he recently married his travel and life partner, Karla.

When the pair returns to Calgary in June, he says they will have spent just \$250 of their own money on airfare and airport fees, on a trip that included flights through major airports in Mexico, Colombia, and Bolivia.

Matt has been living and travelling like this since 2011, after reading an e-book by American author Chris Guille-

beau on “travel hacking,” and adapting the concept for Canadian travellers.

"The basics or the theory of travel hacking is the same for anyone but the deals themselves can be specific to each country," Matt said.

Those deals often include signing up for credit cards that come with generous travel-point bonuses, but Matt said there are all sorts of offers out there to take advantage of.

Combined with techniques for booking discount accommodations, couch-surfing, and generally frugal travel habits, and Matt has spent most of the last few years on a sort of ongoing world vacation.

He blogs about his travels at livelimitless.net.

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St. Mary's students can now pump iron instead of water

New beginning.

Schools forced to cope in a variety of ways after June flood



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Ten feet of water tends to get in the way of your average trumpet practice.

Yet, that's exactly what the students and staff at St. Mary's High School were forced to contend with after last June's historic flood sent a surge of water into the facility's lower levels. The school's band room, fitness and cosmetology centres, as well as its sports medicine lab, were all destroyed.

"It was completely gutted," said principal Frank Durante. "Anything with plastic or wood was completely thrown out. So we lost all of our textbooks in our building — that was probably the biggest loss for our kids. It was completely flooded."

But Thursday was a time to celebrate for those who cherish the high school along the Elbow River, as the bottom level officially reopened complete with shiny new weights and exercise equipment.

All told, the damage to St. Mary's cost \$4.1 million, roughly the same amount required to get Rideau Park School back



These before-and-after shots show the damage and subsequent repairs done to the fitness centre at St. Mary's High School in the wake of June's historic flood.
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"It really truly is a celebration. We have got new equipment for our kids. It's exciting — it's like having a brand-new house." St. Mary's High School principal Frank Durante

up and running after it too was inundated with water.

A third facility, Elbow Park School, will need to be torn down and replaced after water

pooled underneath the storied structure.

"Everyone's been very accommodating," Durante said. "Our friends down the street

at St. Monica's (School) opened up the band room ... we had to move some classrooms upstairs and teachers moved around to accommodate a computer lab. It was difficult but people were so accommodating that it worked out."

The provincial government has announced each school hit by June's flood is in line for up to \$2.5 million to mitigate against future surges, but Du-

rante said it will be challenging to completely protect the facility.

"We're right on the river," he said. "For example, people have been saying, 'Let's put up a 20-foot concrete wall right on the riverbank so we don't get flooded,' but I think it's a little more difficult than that. If we did that, everyone down the river from us would still get flooded."

4 deaths in 6 days

Avalanche centre issues warning

A warning has been issued by the Canadian Avalanche Centre after four deaths over six days in B.C. and Alberta.

Karl Klassen of the Public Avalanche Warning Service says unstable layers of snow have been a significant problem for weeks and areas once considered safe may not be now.

Klassen says the two deaths involving snowmobiles in B.C. occurred in forestry cut blocks, where logging had occurred, which means it's no longer safe riding below the treeline.

Until conditions improve, the centre recommends that those using the backcountry should travel on small, low-angle terrain and avoid large slopes.

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Western provinces

Premiers relax car licence rules

The premiers of Saskatchewan, Alberta and British Columbia have agreed to make it easier for people moving between the provinces to license their cars or continue apprenticeships.

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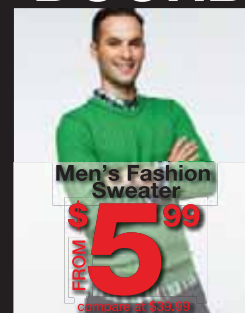
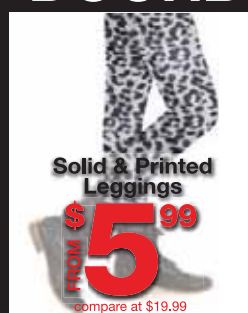
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Coming Out Monologues graduate university



Alyssa Kelle and Pam Rocker were the emcees for the 2013 Coming Out Monologues. Inset: Shiloh Mullins is among the performers for this year's event. CONTRIBUTED

New venue, new reach. Annual performance series morphing from on-campus event to city-wide phenomenon.



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Six years ago, Shiloh Mullins sent her parents a Facebook message, informing them she's gay.

It was a fact she could no longer conceal from her highly religious family, but she knew the news would not sit well, and didn't want to tell them face-to-face or over the phone.

"I don't like confrontation," she said. "And I was very much a people pleaser."

Their reaction, she said, was even worse than she expected.

"They didn't talk to me for about three years," she said. "I would see them periodically at Superstore or Walmart ... but they wouldn't acknowledge me."

Fearing a similar, negative reaction from others, Mullins said she "chose to pull in" and didn't speak openly about her sexual identity for years.

Quoted

"When I had a kid, I realized I have to be OK with who I am; I have to acknowledge it."

Shiloh Mullins, on the pivotal point in her life, when she became a mother and also became truly open about her sexuality.

On Wednesday, however, she'll talk all about it in front of an audience of hundreds, as one of 22 performers in The Coming Out Monologues YYC.

The event's fifth year has seen the performance series grow beyond its University of Calgary roots both in its physical space and its reach.

"We are now a Calgary event and not a side project of the university," said co-ordinator Madeleine Hardy.

The event takes place March 19-21 at the 400-seat John Dutton Theatre at Calgary's central library, offering about twice as much seating space as its previous home at the U of C's Boris Roubakine Theatre.

"For the past two years, we've continuously sold out shows," Hardy said. "We'd have to turn people away, and it was really hard."

For more info on the monologues, visit comingoutyyc.com.

All that glitters is not gold

Calgary police investigate spate of jewelry distraction thefts

Calgary police are investigating a series of jewelry distraction thefts.

In some of the incidents, a man and woman distract their target by offering to sell them jewelry or placing fake gold neck-

laces around their necks. While under the guise of a supposed salesman, the culprits then steal items from the victim, usually jewelry.

Police also indicated that some people refusing to survey the fraudsters' goods have been threatened.

Police say they've seen 17 incidents of jewelry distraction thefts in 2014 and

10 of the incidents have occurred in the past week.

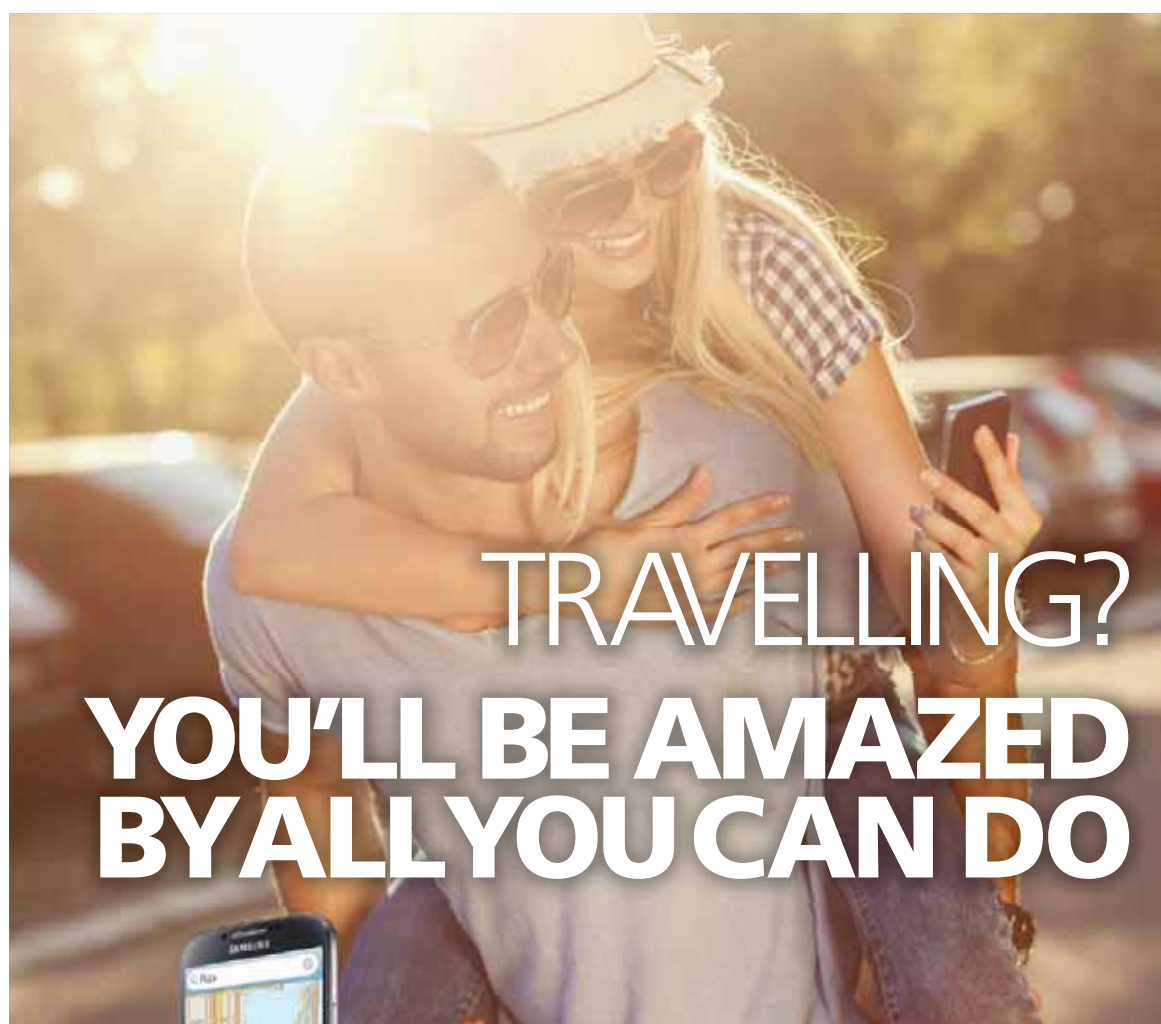
Since last May, there have been a total of 52 incidents.

The most recent occurrences have been in neighbourhoods like Castleridge, Sunridge, Coral Springs, Beddington, Forest Lawn, Manchester, Silverado, Panorama, Willow Park, Coventry Hills, Thorncliffe and Evergreen.

Descriptions of suspects indicate both men and women are involved in the deception and their ages range from 18 to 60.

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Just a week until spring? Late winter storm wallops parts of U.S.

Bob Landon braves the cold Thursday in Albany, N.Y. A storm that swept through the Midwest and the Northeast just a week before the start of spring dumped more than 60 centimetres of snow on parts of northern New England. The storm caused pileups on the Ohio Turnpike involving at least 40 vehicles, leaving three people dead and a state trooper seriously injured after he was pinned between vehicles while responding to the accidents. People from Chicago to Buffalo, N.Y., to Burlington, Vt., were left wondering whether the start of spring was really next week as the snow fell and temperatures began tumbling. Northern New England and upstate New York were digging out from some of the heaviest snowfalls Thursday. Tens of thousands of homes and businesses in northern Illinois and Indiana lost power, and a few hundred flights were cancelled at Chicago's airports. The city, where streets and sidewalks had only just dried out for the first time in months, got about 15 centimetres of snow. MIKE GROLL/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

St. Patrick's Day

Gay veterans say they won't march in Boston parade

A gay rights advocacy group says it is ending its efforts to get organizers of Boston's St. Patrick's Day parade to allow gay military veterans to march.

The executive director of MassEquality said Wednesday the group had reached a dead end in its negotiations with the parade sponsor and won't participate in Sunday's parade.

The parade sponsor, the South Boston Allied War Veterans Council, said a week ago that it had been "misled" by MassEquality and had ended negotiations.

No deal was reached despite the intervention of Boston Mayor Martin Walsh. Walsh says he won't march if gay groups are excluded.

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Tired truck, bus drivers

U.S. wants devices to track hours behind the wheel

Commercial trucks and buses that cross state lines in the U.S. would have to be equipped with electronic devices that record how many hours the vehicles are in operation, according to a government proposal Thursday aimed at preventing accidents by tired drivers.

Accident investigators often cite crashes where truck and bus drivers exceeded limits on work hours. In some cases, drivers or their employers altered paper logbooks or kept two sets of books, concealing their driving practices from inspectors.

The electronic devices would save 20 lives and prevent 434 injuries each year, the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration said in the new plan.

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Mississippi

Man found alive in body bag dies two weeks later

A coroner says a 78-year-old U.S. man has died two weeks after he woke up in a body bag at a funeral home after being mistakenly pronounced deceased.

Coroner Dexter Howard says Walter Williams died at his home in Mississippi early Thursday. The cause was not released.

Williams' story went viral after he was pronounced dead on Feb. 26. At Porter and Sons Funeral Home, workers were getting ready to embalm him when Williams started to move.

Williams was rushed to a hospital and he was released a few days later. Doctors say a mix of medicines may have caused his vital signs to appear unresponsive.

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Gay couples sue Florida seeking marriage rights

What they want.

Lawsuit asks for a ruling requiring the state to recognize marriages performed elsewhere

Eight gay couples and a top civil rights group have sued the state of Florida, arguing it is discriminating against the couples by not recognizing same-sex marriages performed in states where they are legal.

The lawsuit is among the latest in a surge of challenges in America's divisive gay marriage debate. Within the last 30 days, lawsuits similar to the one in Florida have been filed in Alabama, Indiana and Arizona. In Kentucky, a federal judge ordered the state to recognize same-sex marriages performed legally in other states and countries.

Lawsuits have also been filed in Florida, Arizona, Kentucky and elsewhere challenging state bans on gay marriage. Seventeen states and Washington, D.C., allow gay marriage.

The lawsuit, filed late Wednesday in federal court, names Gov. Rick Scott and other top Florida officials. It asks a judge to declare Florida's refusal to recognize same-sex marriages as an unconstitutional violation of equal protection and due process rights, said American Civil Liberties Union attorney Daniel Tilley. Scott, a Republican, issued a statement



A lawsuit, filed late Wednesday, wants a judge to declare Florida's refusal to recognize same-sex marriages as an unconstitutional violation of equal protection and due process rights. OLI SCARFF/GETTY IMAGES FILE

saying he supports Florida's constitutional amendment defining marriage as between a man and a woman, but added that he "does not believe that anyone should be discriminated against for any reason." The statement stopped short of endorsing the ACLU lawsuit, however.

A separate lawsuit filed earlier this year in Miami-Dade Circuit Court is chal-

lenging the ban on same-sex marriage that Florida voters added to the state constitution in 2008, one of many similar legal challenges around the country.

Several federal judges have issued rulings in support of same-sex marriage since the U.S. Supreme Court's decision in June struck down part of the federal anti-gay marriage law. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Their story

Couple had to prove they are son's parents

Sandra Newson, who is a plaintiff in the Florida lawsuit with her wife Denise Hueso, said the couple moved to Massachusetts from Miami so they could get married in 2009.

They adopted a son, now 15, who has cerebral palsy

and they decided to move back to Florida, where they had more family to help care for him.

When they moved back, they lost legal recognition of their marriage and began encountering difficulties, such as having to prove they are their son's parents during hospital stays and battling auto insurance companies for seemingly mundane things such as the marriage discount.

Newson said current

Florida law undermines the commitment she and her partner made to each other.

Howard Simon, executive director of the American Civil Liberties Union of Florida, said same-sex couples suffer discrimination in many ways. Examples include problems getting spouses covered by health insurance, difficulties with inheritance rules and retirement benefits, and problems with workers' compensation benefits. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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Crimean referendum prompts West to increase threats against Russia

Crisis in Ukraine.

Gov't and Western allies warn Russia against trying to annex strategic peninsula

Russia conducted new military manoeuvres near its border with Ukraine on Thursday, and President Vladimir Putin said the world shouldn't blame his country for what he called Ukraine's "internal crisis."

In Crimea, where the public will vote on Sunday whether to break away from Ukraine and become part of Russia, jittery residents lined up at their banks to withdraw cash from their accounts amid uncertainty over the future of the peninsula, which Russian troops now control.

U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry and Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov plan to meet

in London on Friday in a last-ditch bid to end the standoff over the Crimean referendum, which Ukraine and the West have rejected as illegitimate.

In Berlin, German Chancellor Angela Merkel sharply criticized Russia, saying the territorial integrity of Ukraine cannot be compromised.

Speaking to Germany's parliament, Merkel said Russia risks "massive" political and economic consequences, if it does not enter into "negotiations that achieve results" over the situation in Ukraine.

If Moscow does not begin to "de-escalate" the situation, Merkel said, the 28 European Union nations, the U.S. and other allies are prepared to take even stronger measures such as freezing bank accounts of Russians and implementing travel restrictions that would hit Russia economically.

On Wednesday, Moscow rejected the Ukrainian government's claim that a massive



An elderly man holds a Ukrainian flag next to Cossacks guarding Crimea's regional parliament building in Simferopol, Ukraine, Thursday. VADIM GHIRDA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Russian military buildup near the countries' border was raising the threat of a possible invasion.

But on Thursday, Russia's Defence Ministry announced that thousands of Russian troops in their regions of Ros-

tov, Belgorod, Kursk and Tambov bordering Ukraine are involved in the exercises, which will continue until the end of the month.

Putin, who has received his parliament's permission to use the Russian military in Ukraine,

has warned that he reserves the right to "use all means" to protect Russian speakers in Ukraine from violent nationalists, even though there have been no signs they are facing such a threat.

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Ukraine's economy

Canada offers \$220M to prop Ukraine finances

Foreign Affairs Minister John Baird says Canada will contribute \$220 million to an international effort to stabilize the finances of the government of Ukraine.

He says Canada is prepared to work with the European Union, the United States and the International Monetary Fund to help Ukraine.

The minister says Ukraine seems to have enough money to keep afloat for a few months, giving the international community time to work out some solutions.

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Thailand

Suspected human-trafficking ring busted

Thai authorities on Thursday detained 220 suspected Turkish migrants hiding in a secluded camp in the deep south and believed to be victims of a trafficking ring.

Acting on a tip from villagers, immigration police raided the jungle camp located up a mountain behind rubber plantations in southern Songkhla province, said police Col. Chusak Panasumporn. The group included 78 men, 60 women and 82 children.

Thailand has long been a transit point and hub for human traffickers, mostly transporting ethnic Rohingya fleeing violence and persecution in neighbouring Myanmar.

Chusak said the group detained Thursday identified themselves as Turkish Muslims but did not carry any identification documents. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Cairo

Attack on army bus leaves 1 dead

Masked gunmen opened fire on an army bus in Cairo on Thursday, killing one soldier and wounding three in a rare attack on troops in the Egyptian capital, security officials and a military spokesman said.

Security officials, who spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to talk to the media, did not say who was responsible for the attack, which bore the hallmarks of Islamic militants.

But the armed forces spokesman, Col. Ahmed Mohammed Ali, blamed the Muslim Brotherhood — the country's leading Islamist group from which ousted president Mohammed Morsi hails — for the early-morning attack.

Witnesses said the attack was carried out by four gunmen on two motorbikes, who sprayed the bus with gunfire as they approached it from opposite directions.

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'Trail of blood' led

Oscar Pistorius trial. Former police colonel testifies, grisly crime scene described in detail

Photographs of Oscar Pistorius's cocked 9-mm pistol lying on a mat on the blood-stained bathroom floor and the blood splatter on walls and furniture in his house were shown at the double-amputee Olympian's murder trial Thursday, building a detailed picture of the scene where he killed Reeva Steenkamp.

One of the first two police officers at the house to investigate the shooting testified that he followed a "trail of blood" when he got there.

Former police colonel G.S. van Rensburg said he traced spots and bigger blood marks downstairs where Steenkamp lay dead from three gunshot wounds and followed them across

the floor, up the staircase, through a small lounge area and then into Pistorius's bedroom. Ultimately, van Rensburg reached the bathroom where the world-famous athlete shot his girlfriend in the early hours of Valentine's Day last year.

There, van Rensburg said he found Pistorius's gun, hammer back and the safety off, on a mat. There were also spent bullet casings, cellphones and a blood-soaked towel on the bathroom floor, and the cricket bat Pistorius says he used to break down the toilet door to get to Steenkamp. In the toilet cubicle, there was a darker pool of blood and the wooden splinters where the locked door, through which Pistorius shot the model, had been bashed through.

Pistorius, 27, faces a possible life sentence if convicted of murder. He has pleaded not guilty to all charges against him and says he shot the 29-year-old Steenkamp by mistake, thinking she was a danger-

ous intruder in the tiny toilet cubicle in a bathroom of his Pretoria villa. Prosecutors charge that he intentionally killed her.

Details in the photos were highlighted by the prosecution as part of its case against Pistorius. One was a gun holster on a table by the side of the bed where Pistorius says Steenkamp, and not him, was sleeping that night. The size of the bedroom suggested Pistorius had to walk close to where he says he thought Steenkamp was still sleeping to get to the bathroom. In the bathroom, the gun rested on a mat that was clean and out of kilter with the blood stains around it, head prosecutor Gerrie Nel noted.

As van Rensburg, who resigned from the police force last year, was led through each photograph by Nel, Pistorius mainly kept his head down in court and appeared to avoid looking at the TV monitors where the images were shown. The screen next to Pistorius was

Graphic photos

The photos provided vivid images.

- Blood stains from the severe wounds he inflicted on his girlfriend were splattered on a white wall close to a group of trophies in the multiple Paralympic champion's home.
- Upstairs, there was a black air gun rifle and a blue baseball bat near the door to Pistorius's bedroom.

switched off before the exhibit.

Van Rensburg confirmed that the photos reflected accurately how he found the scene when he got there just before 4 a.m. on Feb. 14, 2013 — about 30 to 40 minutes after prosecutors say Pistorius shot Steenkamp.

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Oscar Pistorius covers his head as he listens to evidence during his trial in Pretoria, South Africa, Thursday. ALET PRETORIUS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS/POOL

Robert Dziekanski. Judge OKs evidence in RCMP officer's perjury trial

A judge has ruled the Crown can present evidence at the perjury trial for an RCMP officer that alleges four Mounties colluded to fake a story about Robert Dziekanski's death.

Const. Kwesi Millington is on trial for perjury in connection with his testimony at a public inquiry that examined what happened when Dziekanski was stunned with a Taser at Vancouver's airport.

Millington's lawyer argued the Crown should not be able to claim the officer colluded with the other Mounties before speaking to investigators, because a judge rejected the same argument last year when another officer was acquitted.

Judge William Ehrcke says the legal principle that Millington's lawyers attempted to use only applies if the same person is on trial.

Const. Bill Bentley was



RCMP Const. Kwesi Millington at his perjury trial in Vancouver on March 10. DARRYL DYCK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

found not guilty of perjury last year, and Ehrcke points out Millington wasn't formally part of that trial in any way.

The Crown is appealing Bentley's acquittal, while former corporal Benjamin (Monty) Robinson and Const. Gerry Rundel are expected to stand trial separately later this year.

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Argentina's dictatorship tales praise and haunt Pope Francis

Stories of survival.
Accounts say Francis' silence enabled life-saving acts

It was 1976, South America's dictatorship era, and Jorge Mario Bergoglio, the future Pope Francis, was a 30-something leader of Argentina's Jesuit order. At the time, the country's church hierarchy openly sided with the country's military junta as it kidnapped, tortured and killed thousands.

Many of the targeted were politically active and some were Marxist, but others were simply committed social workers. The right-wing military made few distinctions. People began to disappear at the hands of death squads.

Critics have argued that Bergoglio's public silence in the face of that repression made

him complicit, and they warn against what they see as historical revisionism designed to burnish the pope's rep.

But chilling accounts of survivors credit Bergoglio with saving their lives. They say he conspired to provide refuge to dozens of priests, seminarians and political dissidents marked for elimination by the military.

Several new books assert that Bergoglio's public silence enabled him to save people.

Theologian Juan Carlos Scannone quietly told the AP of the terror he felt decades ago.

Scannone said he was targeted because he promoted a non-Marxist "theology of the people" and worked with slum-dwellers in the city's "misery villages." He said Bergoglio defended him against criticism within the church and personally delivered his writings for publication even when the military was trying to find him.

"Bergoglio contributed by

Extending a hand

Marcelo Larraquy, author of *Pray for Him*, said Jorge Mario Bergoglio, the future Pope Francis, saved "20 or 30" people.

- Bergoglio "remained silent in the face of atrocity," but he was determined to thwart the death squads when he could, said Larraquy, who runs investigations for the Argentine newspaper Clarin.

helping the persecuted, and he dedicated himself to obtaining the release of his kidnapped priests. Still, he didn't participate ... in the fight ... in defence of human rights," said Adolfo Perez Esquivel, whose human-rights work in Argentina won him the Nobel Peace Prize. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



Jesuit Priest and theologian Juan Carlos Scannone poses for a portrait at the garden of the Colegio Maximo in Buenos Aires, Argentina. He says Bergoglio helped him escape the country's military persecution. NATACHA PISARENKO/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Researchers find new tiny T-Rex 'cousin'

Alaska. Arctic discovery suggests region is littered with fossils

Scientists have discovered a new species of dinosaur that called the Arctic home 70 million years ago.

Nanuqsaurus hoglundi was a — relatively — tiny cousin of the Tyrannosaurus rex.

The unidentified fossilized fragments of the skull and jaw were found in northern Alaska almost eight years

Quoted

"We're thoroughly jealous."

Grant Zazula, paleontologist for Yukon government

ago, in an area known as the Kikak-Tegoseak quarry, on the North Slope close to the Yukon border.

"The big difference between Tyrannosaurus rex and Nanuqsaurus, and Tarbosaurus for example, which is the Asian tyrannosaur, is that Nanuqsaurus is about half the size," said Tony Fiorillo of the Perot Museum of Nature

and Science in Texas.

"We feel that's an adaptation to life in the North."

Nanuqsaurus — named for the native Inupiat word for polar bear — had a skull about 64 centimetres long and stood about two metres high at the hip.

He inhabited a drastically different Arctic than the one we know today. During the Cretaceous period, the area was a coastal plain covered in tall, conifer forests and flowering plants. The temperature would have been similar to western Canada today.

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Quebec election

PQ candidate out after offensive Facebook post

A Parti Québécois candidate quit his campaign Thursday after posting a photo of a half-naked white woman holding up her middle finger captioned "(expletive) Islam." THE CANADIAN PRESS

Dirty laundry

Trudeau bars candidate to avoid infighting

Justin Trudeau's team announced Christine Innes will not be allowed to run for a nomination after complaints that her husband, former MP Tony Ianno, has been using "intimidation and bullying" to lure supporters from Chrystia Freeland. THE CANADIAN PRESS



Chow: 'We deserve better'

Former NDP MP Olivia Chow holds her granddaughter Solace Campbell, 2, after launching her candidacy for Toronto mayor on Thursday. The veteran politician didn't discuss Mayor Rob Ford's numerous scandals, but said, "He is no role model for my granddaughters." NATHAN DENETTE/THE CANADIAN PRESS



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More bodies pulled from N.Y. blast site

Harlem disaster. Mayor hopes to 'find others still alive' as rescue workers search overnight through smouldering wreckage

Rescuers working amid cold, gusty winds and billowing smoke pulled four additional bodies overnight from the rubble of two Manhattan apartment buildings, as the death toll rose Thursday to at least seven from a gas leak-triggered explosion that reduced the area to a pile of smashed bricks, splinters and mangled metal.

The explosion Wednesday morning in East Harlem injured more than 60 people, with searchers still trying to

locate others a day later. Mayor Bill de Blasio said Thursday that the city was "hoping to find others still alive" and then "to determine exactly what happened here."

Crews used generator-powered floodlights and thermal imaging cameras to identify heat spots — bodies or pockets of fire — at the site. Police guarding the scene wore masks and neighbourhood residents covered faces with scarves amid the thick, acrid air.

Construction equipment with iron jaws picked up the smouldering debris, first depositing it on the pavement, then hoisting it onto trucks that hauled it away. The debris included structural beams, pieces of windows and residents' belongings.

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A firefighter applies water to rubble on Thursday, a day after a gas leak triggered an explosion in East Harlem, N.Y. JULIO CORTEZ/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Two dead at SXSW festival after driver plows through crowd

Bystanders assist first responders in Austin, Texas, early Thursday morning, where a suspected drunken driver barrelled through police barricades and drove down a crowded street at the South by Southwest music festival, killing two people and injuring 23 in an act authorities say was intentional. The driver, whose name has not been released, faces two counts of capital murder and 23 counts of aggravated assault with a vehicle. COLIN KERRIGAN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Malaysia Airlines. Search widens for missing plane

Malaysian authorities expanded their search for a missing plane westward toward India on Thursday, saying it may have flown for several hours after its last contact with the ground.

That scenario would make finding the Boeing 777 a vastly more difficult task, and raises the possibility that searchers have been looking in the wrong place for the plane and its 239 passengers and crew since it

disappeared early Saturday.

Search planes were sent Thursday to search an area off the southern tip of Vietnam where Chinese satellite images showed three suspected floating objects, but they saw only ocean.

"There is nothing. We went there, there is nothing," said acting Malaysian Transport Minister Hishammuddin Hussein. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

China. Police arrest man who runs rights website

Police in China on Thursday took away a veteran activist who runs a rights monitoring website, and seized his computers and mobile phones, the campaigner's mother said.

Eleven police officers turned up at Huang Qi's home in the city of Chengdu and produced a summons for Huang before taking him away, said his mother, Pu Wenqing.

Huang founded a rights

monitoring website and has long been one of China's most outspoken advocates for the rights of people who try to bring their grievances to the attention of the government but often face police harassment. He served a five-year prison sentence starting in 2003 on subversion charges linked to politically sensitive articles posted on his site.

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Pipeline rejection would 'make Mr. Putin's day'

Keystone XL. Obama's former national security advisor testifies at Senate hearing

President Barack Obama's former national security adviser says rejecting the Keystone XL pipeline would be a gift to Vladimir Putin and a blow to U.S. efforts to achieve the elusive goal of energy independence.

James Jones testified Thursday at a Senate hearing on whether approving the pipeline is in the U.S. national interest.

He said energy scarcity is a powerful geopolitical weapon — as evidenced at various



James Jones
GETTY IMAGES

times in Saddam Hussein's invasion of Kuwait and in Osama bin Laden's threats to attack energy infrastructure. The latest example is Ukraine, he says, where the fear of higher

gas prices from Russia have an effect not only on that country's governance but also on the broader ability of Europe to impose economic sanctions.

"If we want to make Mr. Putin's day and strengthen his hand, we should reject Keystone," Jones said.

He described Keystone as part of a larger North American energy boom, which he called a historic opportunity following decades of instability and foreign military adventures to protect oil sources.

The hearing is being held while the Obama administration determines whether the Alberta-to-Texas pipeline is in the U.S. national interest. A decision is expected within months. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Investigation into judge's nudes

A long-delayed inquiry into a Manitoba judge whose nude photos ended up on the Internet may soon restart.

The Canadian Judicial Council has appointed a new committee to oversee the inquiry into Lori Douglas.

The new appointees include Francois Rolland, chief justice of the Superior Court of Que-

bec, and replace members who resigned en masse after Douglas's lawyer complained they had shown bias.

Douglas, a justice with the Manitoba Court of Queen's Bench, faces a complaint that in 2010 she sexually harassed a man named Alex Chapman.

Chapman alleged that Douglas's husband had shown

him sexually explicit photos of the judge and asked him to have sex with her. Douglas has denied the allegation — she and her husband have said he acted alone, without her knowledge, and was suffering from depression at the time.

There is no word on when the hearings might resume.

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U.S. military. Transgender people can serve: Report

An independent commission led by a former top U.S. health official has concluded there "is no compelling medical reason" for the U.S. armed forces to prohibit transgender Americans from serving and that President Barack Obama could lift the decades-old ban without approval from Congress, according to a report being released Thursday.

The report said Department of Defence regulations designed to keep transgender people from joining or remaining in the military on the grounds of psychological and physical unfitness are based on outdated beliefs that require thousands of current service members either to leave the service or to forgo the medical procedures and other changes that could align their bodies and gender identities.



Army Reserve Capt. Sage Fox, a transgender woman who was placed on inactive status.

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Transgender rights advocates have been lobbying the Pentagon to revisit the blanket ban in the U.S. since Congress in 2010 repealed the law that barred gay, lesbian and bisexual individuals from openly serving in the military.

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Nigeria

More than 100 villagers killed

Dozens of gunmen on motorbikes have killed more than 100 villagers in an ongoing conflict over land in northern Nigeria, survivors said Thursday.

The attacks, which began Tuesday night, left scores of people fleeing on foot from the four targeted villages. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Israel-Palestine conflict

Rocket fire casts doubt on ceasefire deal

The Palestinian militant group Islamic Jihad said Thursday it had agreed to halt a wave of rocket fire on Israel, though soon after the announcement seven rockets fired from Gaza exploded inside Israel.

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Protest in Greece for teen killed by police tear gas canister

Kurds who live in Greece shout slogans in front of riot police during a rally in Athens on Thursday. Hundreds of people tried to approach the Turkish Embassy in the Greek capital to protest against the death of 15-year-old Berkin Elvan in Istanbul. Elvan died Tuesday, nine months after being hit by a police tear gas canister during anti-government protests and slipping into a coma. **THANASSIS STAVRAKIS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Algerian Gitmo prisoner released

Guantanamo Bay. Held for 12 years without charge, Ahmed Bel Bacha is released

An Algerian held for 12 years without charge at Guantanamo Bay has been sent back to his homeland, officials said Thursday, portraying the transfer as a step toward eventual closure of the prison on the U.S. base in Cuba.

Ahmed Bel Bacha was transferred to the custody of the Algerian government, bringing the detainee population at Guantanamo to 154, the Pentagon said.

The U.S. has repatriated 17 Guantanamo prisoners to Algeria, where they typically spend around two weeks in

custody for questioning before being released. Bel Bacha must contend with the fact that he was convicted of terrorism-related offences in absentia in 2009, while still in Guantanamo. His lawyers said he was nevertheless eager to return to his homeland.

"He has received assurances from both the U.S. and the Algerians that he will be fairly and humanely treated on his return so that's what we expect," said Polly Rosdale, a member of his legal team from the British human rights group Reprieve.

Bel Bacha will have the



President Barack Obama GETTY

right under Algerian law to contest his conviction and receive a new trial, said Ian Moss, a spokesman for the State Department office working to close Guantanamo.

Bel Bacha, 44, was captured in Pakistan as he fled the U.S. attack on Afghanistan and was detained as a suspected militant with links to al-Qaida. He was sent in January 2002 to Guantanamo, where his lawyers say he was subjected to violent interrogations and physical abuse. He participated in at least two long-term hunger strikes at the prison.

He told interrogators that he fled Algeria amid that country's civil war in 1999 because of threats from Islamic militants. U.S. officials said he travelled to Afghanistan, with aid from radicals at London's

Renewed effort

President Barack Obama came into office vowing to close Guantanamo Bay, but Congress imposed restrictions on releases and transfers, including a ban on sending any Guantanamo prisoner to the U.S.

- Obama last year said he would renew efforts to close the prison, and Congress in December eased the restrictions on overseas transfers.

Finsbury Park Mosque, and trained with al-Qaida, according to military documents. He has been cleared for release from Guantanamo since at least 2006. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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China cutting through the smog

In this December 2013 file photo, the skyline of the Lujiazui Financial District in Shanghai is seen blanketed in heavy smog. Japanese electronics maker Panasonic Corp. is compensating employees for living with air pollution in Chinese cities, such as Beijing and Shanghai, that have become notorious for high pollution. China will tighten environmental legislation and force polluters to pay compensation following renewed blasts of toxic air, the country's top legislator said Sunday. Zhang Dejiang said in a report to the ceremonial legislature's annual session that businesses were responsible for the environmental damage they caused and must be held to account. He said legal revisions were being prepared, but offered no specifics.

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Pot job fair stokes high interest

Denver. Line of job applicants snaked around corner as legal pot business lights up big profits

When Tim Cullen was opening his first marijuana business four years ago, the high school biology-teacher-turned-pot-entrepreneur struggled to get resumés and references from job applicants.

"Everyone's experience was on the black market," Cullen said. Now, he said, "it's come out of the closet."

Out of the closet, down the street and around the corner. That's where the line of hopefuls stretched Thursday outside a central Denver office building that was hosting a marijuana industry job fair.

Cullen, who owns two retail marijuana shops and is a partner in a company that makes hash oil and another that makes vaporizers, was among representatives from about a dozen businesses reviewing applications.

OpenVAPE, Cullen's vaporizers company, organized the fair to meet its own growing staffing needs and help others in the industry, said company spokesman Todd Mitchem.

Voters in Colorado and Washington approved sales of marijuana for recreational use in 2012, and recreational sales began first in Colorado, in January.

This week, in the world's first such accounting, the Colorado Department of Revenue reported the state made roughly \$2 million in marijuana taxes in January; that is expected to grow as more retailers are licensed.

Among the employers at Thursday's job fair was a tour company looking for guides to help pot tourists navigate Colorado's newest industry. Hemp Temps, a specialist staffing agency, and Medicine Man, a dispensary, were also hunting for candidates. Job descriptions included bud tender, sales representative and web designer.

Organizers said they had heard beforehand from more than 600 job seekers who planned to attend. Mitchem

said the company may need a bigger venue for the next fair, which he said is already in the works.

Ian Howe, among the job seekers in line on Thursday, said he was a graduate of the Culinary Institute of America in New York, and hoped to find work with a company that infuses marijuana into foods, or try his hand at growing marijuana.

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Money, money, money

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Amazon raises price of Prime memberships

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increase since the online retailer introduced Prime, which includes two-day free shipping on many products, in 2005.

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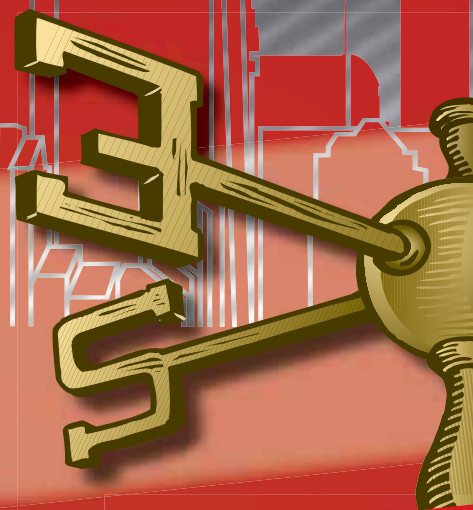
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THE WORLD ACCORDING TO KEVIN BACON

1 #whileTwitterwasdown. Twitter went down briefly Tuesday, but it felt like an eternity to users. By the time it came back, #whileTwitterwasdown was trending with gems like, "I tried to get real people on the street to follow me, but they just wouldn't. Elites probably," and "I was promoted at work, made six friends, and started a family." All I did was write six books, three of which were adapted to the big screen.

2 First kiss. A beautiful video of 20 strangers meeting and kissing for the first time went viral, with more than 20 million views. When people found out it was actually a fashion film by the label Wren, it didn't really dampen spirits. After all, it really was strangers kissing. And the vid really was beautiful. Plus, we're used to product endorsements on everything.

3 Bachelor finale. The finale had the narcissistic Juan Pablo trending for being such a self-serving idiot. Even his parents warned Clare and Nikki about him. In the end, he sort of picked Nikki. But we all know that the person Juan Pablo loves the most in the world is himself. That's who he should have proposed to: Juan Pablo.

4 Funny or Die. To promote his health-care plan, President Obama sat down for an interview with actor Zach Galif-



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anakis on his comedy web series Between Two Ferns on Funny or Die. Boy did it work. White House senior communications adviser Tara McGinness tweeted "FunnyorDie.com is the #1 source of referrals to HealthCare.gov right now." Laughter really is the best medicine.

5 Strombo. Hockey Night in Canada named him as their primary host and anchor, taking over from Ron MacLean, who will have a diminished role next year. Lost in the hoopla was the announcement Strombo's terrific show George Stroumboulopoulos Tonight will be cancelled at season's end. I will miss it big time.

6 #AskBaird. Canada's Foreign Minister John Baird hosted a live Twitter chat where you could ask him questions. This was refreshing for a politician to be this transparent in real time about what Canada is doing on the international stage. Baird was self-deprecating, saying in one tweet, "suggest trying someone else for cooking & fashion tips."

7 Kevin Bacon. A YouTube video titled Kevin Explains the '80s to Millennials garnered nearly two million views as a straight-faced Bacon tried to explain what the '80s and its VCRs and parachute pants meant. "You want to know my favourite app? Rubik's Cube," Bacon says. Google that, millennials, to find out what it is.

8 Jack Bauer. It was announced the iconic character will be coming back to TV four years after the series finale. This time Jack is an exiled ex-CIA agent who has to prevent the assassination of the U.S. president — and prevent a world war. Yes, life is never easy for Jack Bauer. But it is for Kiefer Sutherland.

9 Daylight saving time. The first week adjusting to daylight saving is always a nag, but all the more so when the most famous mayor in the world — yes, Mayor Ford — tweets out "Daylight saving time starts this evening, turn your clocks back and change batteries in smoke alarms." For the rest of this year, Ford will be two hours behind the rest of the world.

10 22-pound house cat attacks. It read like an Onion article — a 911 call was placed by a family whose 22-pound Himalayan cat, Lux, who had a "history of violence," was holding them "hostage" inside their bedroom after attacking their baby. Don't worry: The police caught the grumpy cat after it attempted "to flee custody" by climbing on top of the fridge.

11 www. Remember when the telephone turned 25? The radio? The TV? I don't either. But I will remember when the World Wide Web did — March 12, 2014. Seriously though, can you believe it's already been around a quarter-century? Before we know it, Twitter will seem ancient when we're beaming around space tweeting our adventures.



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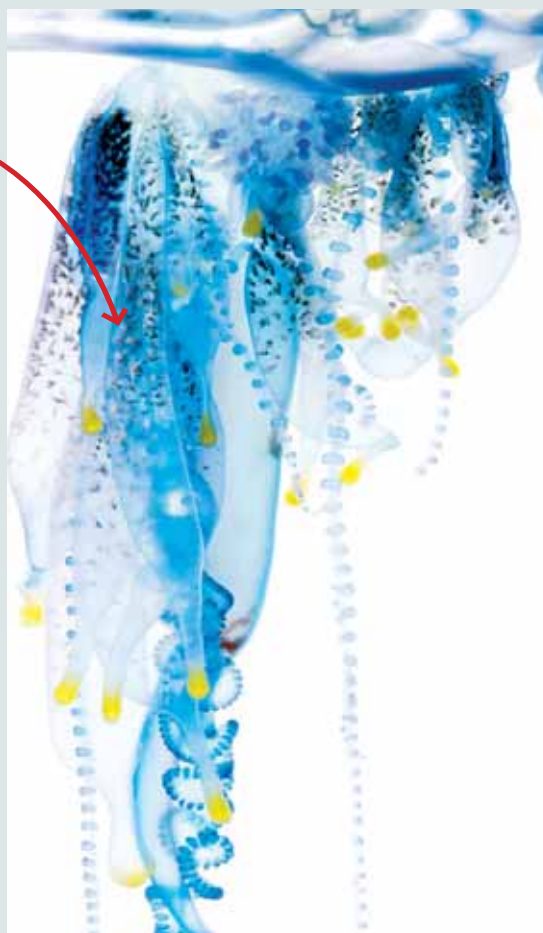
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Take a guess at what this is

Man-of-war can kill fish and humans

It looks like a bejewelled silk scarf but you'd be a fool to wear it. This image shows the Portuguese man-of-war, a sea creature whose stinging tentacles are capable of

killing fish and even humans. Eric Röttinger's shot is winner of the non-scientific category of the annual cover contest by molecular biology journal EMBO. **METRO**



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Too many tendrils

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metres is how long the venomous tendrils of a Portuguese man-of-war can extend to — that's roughly four lengths of an average-sized city bus. Ten metres is the average length for this

seafaring creature's appendages. The tendrils' venom-filled capsules, or nematocysts, are capable of paralyzing and killing fish, and on rare occasions humans. Some people have described a sting from the man-of-war as a feeling like being struck by a lightning bolt.

Blob tag

- Biology.** Despite its appearance, the Portuguese man-of-war (Physalia physalis) is neither a jellyfish nor even a single animal. It's actually a siphonophore, a floating colony of multiple organisms working in symbiosis with each other.
- Structure.** It comprises four individual polyps (or organisms): one forming a gas-filled bladder that floats on the sea surface and looks like an old warship (by which the creature gets its nautical name), one that catches small fish with its long tendrils, and two others that are in charge of digestion and reproduction.
- Habitat.** Found in groups of 1,000, floating in warm waters throughout the world's oceans.

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1995: Craigslist, Match.com go online
2003: Apple launches iTunes
2006: Twitter begins
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Twitter



that I have to add my cream and sugar, no. For a specialty drink HE—YES!

@metropicks asked: #Starbucks in the U.S. is adding a tip option on its mobile app. Do you tip your barista? @Starbucks

@Bridawns: I don't tip the cashier for bagging my groceries; why would I tip for pouring my coffee?

@EdmontonLight: I tip mine! Why? They know my name, they pre-make my order if they see me & they ask me how the kiddlette's are;)#service

@lisambungay: I tip the regular one cause they know my name and order :) they're worth it!

@AllenGalley: Really? Who's next? McDonalds?

@kkjohal769: sorry I can barely afford the latte itself five dollars is a bit too much money for me and then a tip

@MonaLahey: For pouring a coffee

@RealBritbird: Yep I gave him a tip yesterday for the 4:15 at Epson

@neiliasherman: pretty soon there won't be money for coffee if we have to tip for every service. How about paying staff fairly?

@annahoward62: it's a great option for our regular customers to have more options. It's not forcing anyone to tip I think baristas get this stigma put on them that these hipster university kids that are more privileged than someone else with a minimum wage job, but the truth is a lot of us are putting ourselves through university and it's really hard on a minimum wage job. Tim's staff get more in tips than we ever will

@DazRolfey: no chance.

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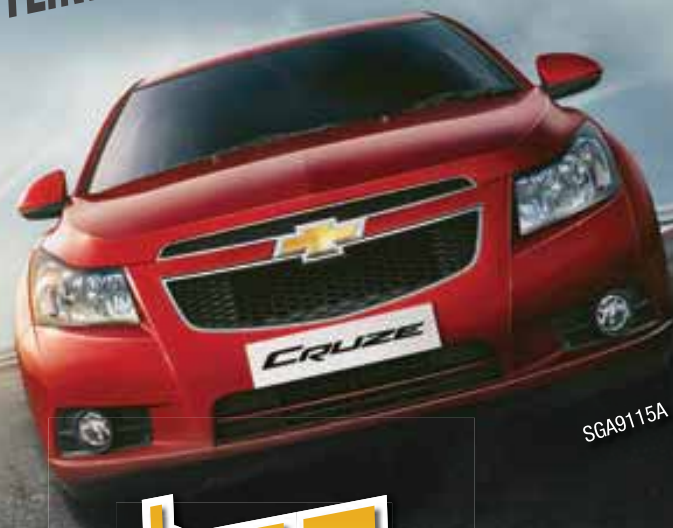
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Synopsis

Based on the most successful racing video game franchise ever, *Need for Speed* is Aaron "Breaking Bad" Paul's first lead in a feature. He plays Tobey Marshall, a speed-demon mechanic, jailed for a crime he did not commit. Out of prison with revenge against adversary Dino Brewster (Dominic Cooper) on his mind, he finagles a spot at the De Leon, a high-octane underground race that makes the Cannonball Run look like a Go-Kart sprint. You just know it's only a matter of time until someone says, "We'll settle this behind the wheel." Between him and the race, however, are miles of hard road, bounty hunters and police. Steve Gow sits in for Mark Breslin this week.

- Richard: ●●●●●
- Steve: ●●●●●

Reel Guys

RICHARD CROUSE AND MARK BRESLIN



Need for Speed opens this weekend. CONTRIBUTED

The cars are the stars

Need for Speed. Action-packed racing tale based on a video game not one for the intellectual crowd

Richard: Steve, remember the Mazda commercials that were on a few years ago? I felt like the kid from those ads was sitting on my shoulder whispering "zoom, zoom" into my ear for the entire running time of *The Hot Wheels Movie*, er... *Need for Speed*. This is a fast paced car race movie that zips along as quickly as you'd hope a movie with the word speed in the title would, but character wise, it's not quite as fast or furious as you might like. The cars are the stars, while the characters are largely left in the dust. What did you think?

SG: Yes, the way they're staged by the racing sequences, the term "vehicular manslaughter" could easily apply to the actors. Sure, Aaron Paul showed us he had chops in *Breaking Bad* but that only makes the choice of playing a gravelly-voiced, vengeance-seeking street car racer all the more curious. After all, as much as *Need For Speed* tries to design depth in its characters, nobody in the thriller rises above conveniently routine. Or all that interesting.

RC: I liked the race scenes. They feel authentic and by and large done by brave speed demon stunt drivers without the use of CGI. They're exciting, pedal-to-the-metal sequences that put the audience in the driver's seat. You have to wonder about glorifying the romance of reckless street racing, but the movie

isn't a commercial for vehicular mayhem. There are some wild rides, but there are also consequences for many of the drivers and their need for speed. I just wish the characters were stronger. It says something when the movie's most interesting character — the eccentric millionaire the Monarch, played by Michael Keaton — never gets behind the wheel of a car.

SG: He was definitely working the same oddball over-the-top angles as Nicolas Cage. Imogen Poots (*That Awkward Moment*) was appealing enough as a British assistant of the car's owner who hitchhikes along with Paul for the nationwide ride. However, I couldn't help thinking how contrived the entire plot was. Then again, I suppose that shouldn't be surprising con-

sidering the story was culled from a video game — albeit a very successful video game.

RC: *Need for Speed* isn't *Downton Abbey*. It's a car crazy story where characters take a backseat to the action, but if you know what a *Two Lane Grasshopper* is, then you'll probably get a kick out of the driving scenes.

SG: This movie definitely isn't for graduates of Juilliard's drama program. It's for high-octane gearheads who want to stuff their faces with over-buttered popcorn and watch innocent bystanders and cops get taken out in the careless (cut cunningly choreographed) act of illegal street racing. It does a fine job there but I'm not sure I'll remember much else about *Need for Speed* by tomorrow morning.

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Drama/Mystery/Comedy



Veronica Mars

Director. Rob Thomas

Stars. Kristen Bell,
Ryan Hansen

On the eve of graduating law school, Veronica Mars has put Neptune and her amateur sleuthing days behind her. But then she gets a call from her ex-boyfriend Logan, who has been accused of murder. Veronica heads back to Neptune just to help Logan find an attorney, but when things don't seem right, Veronica finds herself being pulled back into a life she thought she had left behind.

Rotten Tomatoes™ score
Critics: 🍅 77% Audience: + 94%

Mystery/Suspense



In Fear

Director. Jeremy Lovering

Stars. Iain De Caestecker,
Alice Englert

In Fear is a tense psychological horror about a young couple's fight to make it through the night. Home invasion but in a car. In real-time. Tom (De Caestecker) and Lucy (Englert) are trapped in a maze of country roads with only their vehicle for protection, terrorized by an unseen tormentor hell-bent on exploiting their worst fears.

Rotten Tomatoes™ score
Critics: 🍅 86% Audience: 🍷 50%

Fulfilling fan dreams for a price

Kickstarter craze.

As the new Veronica Mars film hits theatres, opinions are mixed on the business of celebs asking fans to finance their projects

Rob Thomas knew he might make movie history by using Kickstarter to crowd-fund his Veronica Mars film. But he wasn't prepared for the posters.

Of all the prizes offered to donors of Veronica Mars — everything from a digital copy of the script for \$10 to a walk-on cameo for \$10,000 — the most taxing was autographing the cast-signed posters promised to more than 5,000 backers. It took several hand-cramping days and constant shuttling of boxes from one signee to the next.

"We've got our own poster handler who is in charge of getting them to us and getting them signed," Thomas said in a recent interview. "It's required,



Veronica Mars opens today in theatres and is available on video-on-demand. CONTRIBUTED

like, its own department."

But, he adds, "This movie would not exist if we had not gone down this path."

It's been a year since Thomas sent shock waves through the movie industry by turning to the crowd-funding site Kickstarter to help finance a movie based on his cultishly adored but short-lived high-school detective series. Today, the movie hits theatres and video-on-demand. As the first high-profile celebrity project to drum up money on Kickstarter, Veronica Mars is a trailblazer, albeit one with a cloudy legacy.

Thomas has already been

followed by projects by Zach Braff (to fund his second directorial effort) and Spike Lee (to raise cash for his latest "joint"). The land rush into a new avenue of funding (a major struggle for most filmmakers) has raised questions about the ethics of fan-based financing. (Contributors pay for different levels of rewards, but don't share in profits.) Veronica Mars may have introduced a democratic spirit to a green-lighting process usually controlled by film executives, but it has also opened a Pandora's box where, critics say, established insiders can take advantage of their

Who ponied up \$10,000?

- Steven Dengler. The 45-year-old Canadian entrepreneur and currency exchange site XE.com founder ended up playing a waiter in the film.

loyal followings.

"It's a brilliant idea that's gotten out of hand," House of Cards producer Dana Brunetti recently said at a SXSW panel discussion. "It's wrong when people like Zach Braff or Spike Lee use that same service to fund their films when they already have access. I think it overshadows and takes away from the little guys who actually need the funding."

Thomas says he'd rather not be considered a poster boy for Kickstarter. "Every project has its own separate concerns," he says. Instead, he believes the choice is up to consumers.

"If it bothers you that Zach Braff probably has a lot of money from Scrubs," says Thomas, "then don't give to it."

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Nymphomaniac.

One of Metro's intrepid reviewers checks out the latest from Lars von Trier and shares what he learned about sex

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By now many of you may have gotten wind of the latest "event" movie from Danish enfant terrible Lars von Trier, he of the malevolent mind bender *Antichrist*, the Björk-starring anti-musical *Dancer in the Dark* and the lush *Melancholia*.

When von Trier releases a film, the cinema world races around him in circles, debating furiously, cheering and jeering in equal measure. He knows this and clearly loves to push boundaries and buttons.

With his latest opus, the pornographic masterwork



Shia LaBeouf leaves nothing to the imagination in *Nymphomaniac*. CONTRIBUTED

Nymphomaniac, the filmmaker doesn't just push boundaries, he decimates them. The movie stars von Trier's muse, actress and pop star Charlotte Gainsbourg as Joe, a self-described sex addict whose lifelong free-fall into carnality has both liberated her and led her to lubricated ruin.

After dropping jaws all over Europe, the five-hour

Nymphomaniac opens in select Canadian markets next Friday, ready to shake our sensibilities with its cavalcade of extreme and explicit couplings. This writer was invited to the Toronto press screening last week, along with most of Hogtown's finest critics. It was an elephantine affair, beginning at 9 a.m. and climaxing at 2 p.m. and was indeed

an "event", complete with intermission to provide a breather from the non-stop emissions. The movie is, of course, more than just a star-studded sex film and is in fact, very edifying.

Here then, related in as family-friendly a fashion as possible, are five things I learned while stuffed into a sweaty cinema watching *Nymphomaniac*...

The version we're getting in Canada is cut

Before the screening, the publicist announced that Canada will indeed be getting the slightly truncated edit of *Nymphomaniac*, to which some critics sneered.

"Don't worry," the smirking PR assured, "you'll still get plenty of 'stuff' to look at."

Sex is like fly fishing

The framework of *Nymphomaniac* consists of a battered Joe relating her salacious life story to a kindly bachelor (played by von Trier regular Stellan Skarsgård) who convincingly draws every one of her penetrating anecdotes back to the art of fly-fishing, complete with beautifully shot footage of the hobby sport.

Shia LaBeouf has nothing to hide

He may be marauding around Hollywood with a bag on his head, but troubled *Nymphomaniac* co-star LaBeouf leaves no other part of his anatomy to the

imagination here, dressed as he is in nothing more than a smile for half the film's running time.

Mini-muffins taste great post coitus

During the intermission between *Nymphomaniac* Part One and Part Two, the publicist treated us wobbly-kneed critics to a spread of mini-muffins, juice and coffee. It was odd discussing LaBeouf's beef and Gainsbourg's fluid performance while huffing down bran, but it was all part of the experience.

The silent duck

Unfortunately, I cannot elaborate on this plot-point, the revelation of which stretches more than the imagination. To learn more, you'll just have to see the film.

And I heartily suggest you do see the film. Because the beauty of *Nymphomaniac* and all of von Trier's work is that hidden inside its outrageous exterior is something profound, poetic and deeply human.

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Anchorman 2: The Legend Continues (14A) Fri-Thu 1:10-4:05-6:55-9:55
August: Osage County (14A) Fri-Thu 1:05-4-7-9:40
Cloudy With a Chance of Meatballs 2 (G) Fri 1:20 Sat 10:30-1:20 Sun-Thu 1:20 Free Birds (G) Fri-Thu 1:25-4:10
Gravity (PG) Fri-Thu 1:30-4:20-7:30-9:50 Her (14A) Fri-Thu 3:50-6:50-9:50
The Hunger Games: Catching Fire (PG) Fri-Thu 12:45-3:45-6:40-9:30
Jack Ryan: Shadow Recruit (PG) Fri-Thu 1:15-3:55-7:15-9:55
Lone Survivor (14A) Fri-Thu 1-3:35-7:05-9:40
Saving Mr. Banks (PG) Fri-Thu 12:55-3:40-6:45-9:35
The Secret Life of Walter Mitty (PG) Fri-Thu 7:10-10
Walking With Dinosaurs (PG) Fri-Thu 1:20-4:15-7:20
Winter's Tale (PG) Fri-Thu 9:35

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3 Days to Kill (14A) Fri-Thu 9:35
300: Rise of an Empire 3D (18A) Fri 2:30-4:40-5:20-7:15-7:55-9:40-10:20
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Despicable Me (G) Sat 11
Divergent (PG) Thu 10:10
Frozen (G) Fri 1:30-4:20 Sat 10:55-1:45-4:20 Sun 1:45-4:20 Mon-Thu 1:30-4:15
The LEGO Movie (G) Fri 1:50 Sat-Sun 11:50-2:15 Mon-Thu 1:50
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The Metropolitan Opera: Werther (STC) Sat 10:55
The Monuments Men (PG) Fri 1:20-4:10-7:05-10:10 Sat 1:10-3:55-7:05-10:10 Sun 1:10-3:55-7:05-10:05
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Mr. Peabody & Sherman (G) Fri 2-4:25-6:45 Sat 11:45-2:05-4:25-6:55
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Muppets Most Wanted (G) Thu 7-9:45
Need for Speed (PG) Fri 1:10-4:05-7:10 Sat 1-4-7-10 Sun 1-4-6:55-9:50
Mon-Thu 1:05-4-6:55-9:50 Star & Strollers Screening, Wed 1:30
Need for Speed 3D (PG) Fri 1:40-4:35-7:30-10:30 Sat 1:30-4:30-7:30-10:30
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Non-Stop (PG) Fri 2:10-5:10-7:45-10:15 Sat 12:25-5:10-7:45-10:15
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Sun-Tue 7:40-10:10 Wed 8:30 Thu 7:40
Romeo and Juliet (STC) Sun 12:55
Royal Opera House - The Sleeping Beauty (STC) Wed 7
Son of God (14A) Fri 12:55-3:55-6:55-10:05 Sat 12:35-3:40-6:45-9:50 Sun 12:35-3:40-6:45-10 Mon 12:55-3:55-10:05 Tue-Wed 12:55-3:55-7-10:05 Thu 12:55-3:55
Tootsie (STC) Mon 7
The Wolf of Wall Street (18A) Fri 1-4:50-8:35 Sat-Sun 4:40-8:30 Mon-Tue 1-4:45-8:30 Wed 1-4:45 Thu 1-4:45-8:30

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300: Rise of an Empire 3D (18A) Fri 7:20-10 Sat-Sun 12:20-3:20-7:20-10 Mon-Thu 6-9
American Hustle (14A) Fri 6:50-9:50 Sat-Sun 12:50-3:50-6:50-9:50 Mon 9:20 Tue 5:20-8:20 Thu 5:20
Divergent (PG) Thu 9
The Great Beauty (14A) Fri 6:40-9:40 Sat-Sun 12:40-3:40-6:40-9:40 Mon-Thu 5:25-8:30
The LEGO Movie (G) Sat-Sun 1
The LEGO Movie 3D (G) Fri 6:30-9:20 Sat-Sun 3:30-6:30-9:20 Mon-Wed 5:40-8:10
Need for Speed 3D (PG) Fri 7:10-10:10 Sat-Sun 12:30-4-7:10-10:10 Mon-Thu 5:55-8:50
Non-Stop (PG) Fri 7-9:30 Sat-Sun 1:10-4:10-7-9:30 Mon-Thu 6:10-8:40

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3 Days to Kill (14A) SR, Fri-Thu 6:50-9:55 300: Rise of an Empire (18A) SR, Fri-Thu 3
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American Hustle (14A) SR, Fri-Wed 9:50
Bewakoofiyaan (STC) SR, Fri-Sun 2-6-9-30 SR, Mon-Thu 6-9:30
Divergent (PG) SR, Thu 9:30 SR, Thu 9:30
Divergent: The IMAX Experience (PG) SR, Thu 10 SR, Thu 10
Enemy (14A) SR, Fri-Sun 1:50-4:40-7:40-10:05 SR, Mon-Thu 4:40-7:40-10:05

Frozen (G) SR, Fri-Sun 1-3:40 SR, Mon-Thu 3:40
Gulaab Gang (14A) SR, Fri-Sun 1:40-5-9 SR, Mon-Thu 5-9
The LEGO Movie (G) SR, Fri-Sun 12:40-3:30-6:10 SR, Mon-Wed 3:30-6:10 SR, Thu 3:30-6:10-9
The LEGO Movie 3D (G) SR, Fri-Sun 1:30-4-7:20-9:45 SR, Mon-Wed 4-7:20-9:45 SR, Thu 4-7:20
Mr. & Mrs. 420 (STC) SR, Fri-Sun 12-3:50-9:20 SR, Mon-Thu 3:50-9:20
Mr. Peabody & Sherman (G) SR, Fri-Sun 12:15-3:10-6:45-9:10 SR, Mon-Thu 3:10-6:45-9:10
Mr. Peabody & Sherman 3D (G) SR, Fri-Sun 1:15-4:30-7:10-9:40 SR, Mon-Thu 4:30-7:10-9:40
Muppets Most Wanted (G) SR, Thu 7-9:45
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No Clue (STC) SR, Fri-Sun 2-4:50-7:50-10:15 SR, Mon-Tue 4:50-7:50-10:15 SR, Wed 7:50-10:15 SR, Thu 4:50-7:50-10:15

Non-Stop (PG) SR, Fri-Sun 1:10-4:10-7:30-10:10 SR, Mon-Thu 4:10-7:30-10:10
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Divergent (PG), Thu 10
The LEGO Movie (G), Fri-Thu 12:45-3:30
The LEGO Movie 3D (G), Fri-Thu 1:15-4-6:50-9:30
Mr. Peabody & Sherman (G), Fri-Thu 1-3:45-6:30-9:15
Mr. Peabody & Sherman 3D (G), Fri-Thu 1:30-4:15-7-9:45
Muppets Most Wanted (G), Thu 7-9:45
Need for Speed (PG), Fri-Thu 12-3:20-6:40-10
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Son of God (14A), Fri-Tue 12-3:10-6:20-9:40, Wed 3:10-6:20-9:40, Thu 12-3:10-6:20

The Wolf of Wall Street (18A), Fri-Wed 8

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Inside Llewyn Davis (14A) Fri 7:10-9:10 Sat-Sun 1-3-5-7-10-9:10 Mon-Thu 7:10-9:10
Nebraska (14A) Sat-Sun 4
Three Colours & a Canvas (STC) Fri 7 Sat-Sun 2-7 Mon-Thu 7
The Wolf of Wall Street (18A) Fri-Thu 9

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12 Years a Slave (14A) Fri-Sun 12:45-3:50-7:05-10 Mon-Thu 12:45-3:50-7:10-10:10
3 Days to Kill (14A) Fri-Sun 2-4:45-7:30-10:20 Mon 1:30-4:15-10 Tue-Wed 2-4:45-7:30-10:20 Thu 2-4:45
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Despicable Me (G) Sat 11
Divergent (PG) Thu 9:30
Divergent: The IMAX Experience (PG) Thu 9
Enemy (14A) Fri-Sun 12:30-3-5:30-8-10:30 Mon-Wed 2-5-7-50-10:25 Thu 5-7:50-10:25
Frozen (G) Fri-Sun 11:30 Mon-Thu 2:10
The Hobbit: The Desolation of Smaug 3D (PG) Fri-Thu 10
The LEGO Movie (G) Fri-Sun 11:30-2-4:45 Mon-Thu 2-4:45
The LEGO Movie 3D (G) Fri-Sun 12-2:30-5:05-7:35-10:10 Mon-Thu 1:10-4:05-6:40-9:40
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The Professional (STC) Thu 7:30
Romeo and Juliet (STC) Sun 12:55
Royal Opera House - The Sleeping Beauty (STC) Wed 7
Son of God (14A) Fri-Sun 12:40-3:55-7:05-10:20 Mon-Thu 12:50-4-7:10-10:20
Tootsie (STC) Mon 7
Veronica Mars (STC) Fri 7 Sat-Sun 4-7 Mon-Thu 7
The Wind Rises (PG) Fri-Wed 1:15 Thu 1
The Wolf of Wall Street (18A) Fri-Sat 2:40-6:30-10:15 Sun 6:30-10:15 Mon-Thu 1-5-9:35

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12 Years a Slave (14A) Fri 6:50 Sat 7 Sun 1:30-6:10 Mon-Wed 6:50
Dallas Buyers Club (14A) Fri 9:15 Sat 4:45-9:30 Sun 4-8:30 Mon-Wed 9:15 Thu 6:50

**Sunridge Spectrum
2555 32nd Street**

300: Rise of an Empire 3D (18A) Fri 1:30-4:05-6:40-9:15 Sat-Sun 11-1:30-4:05-6:50-9:25 Mon-Thu 1:30-4:05-6:40-9:15 Fri 2:30-5:05-7:40-10:15 Sat 12-2:30-5:05-7:40-10:15 Sun-Thu 2:30-5:05-7:40-10:15
Bewakoofiyaan (STC) Fri 1:50-4:40-7:30-10:20 Sat-Sun 11:05-1:50-4:40-7:30-10:20 Mon-Thu 1:50-4:40-7:30-10:20
Despicable Me (G) Sat 11
Divergent (PG) Thu 10
Frozen (G) Fri-Tue 1 Star & Strollers Screening Wed 1 Thu 1
Frozen 3D (G) Fri 3:45 Sat-Sun 4 Mon-Thu 3:45
Kaum de Heere (STC) Fri 2:10-5-7:50 Sat 11:35-2:25-5:20-8:15 Sun 2:25-5:20-8:15 Mon-Thu 2:10-5-7:50
The LEGO Movie (G) Fri 1:05-3:40 Sat-Sun 12:50-3:40 Mon-Thu 1:05-3:40
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Non-Stop (PG) Fri-Thu 2-4:35-7:15-10
Pompeii (14A) Fri-Thu 6:30-9:10
Queen (14A) Fri-Thu 2:40-6-9:20
RoboCop (PG) Fri 6:35-9:35 Sat-Sun 6:40-9:30 Mon-Tue 6:35-9:35 Wed 9:35 Thu 6:35
Son of God (14A) Fri 2:50-5:50-9 Sat 11:40-2:50-6-9:20 Sun 2:50-6-9:20 Mon-Tue 5:50-9 Wed 2:50-5:50-9 Thu 2:50
That Awkward Moment (18A) Fri-Thu 9:40

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300: Rise of an Empire 3D (18A) Fri-Sat 7:35-10:10 Sun 7:35 Mon-Thu 6:10-8:15-8:50 Fri-Sat 1-3:50-7:10-9:45 Sun 1-3:50-7:10-10:05
American Hustle (14A) Fri-Sun 3:20-6:30-9:40 Mon-Wed 8:05
Divergent (PG) Thu 9
Frozen (G) Fri-Sun 12:25 Mon-Thu 5:25
The LEGO Movie (G) Fri-Sun 12:45-3:30 Mon-Thu 5:35
The LEGO Movie 3D (G) Fri-Sun 12-2:30-5-7:30-10 Mon-Thu 5:55-8:35
The Metropolitan Opera: Werther (STC) Sat 10:55
Mr. Peabody & Sherman (G) Fri-Sun 12:50-3:45-7 Mon-Thu 5:50 Thu 8:45
Mr. Peabody & Sherman 3D (G) Fri-Sat 12:15-2:45-5:15-7:45-10:15 Sun 12:15-2:45-5:15-7:45 Mon-Wed 6:05-8:20-8:45 Thu 6:05-8:20
Need for Speed 3D (PG) Fri-Sat 12:30-3:35-6:55-10:05 Sun 12:30-3:35-6:55-9:40 Mon-Thu 5:30-8:35
Non-Stop (PG) Fri-Sat 12:55-4-7:05-9:55 Sun 12:55-4-6:55-10:05 Mon-Wed 6-8:40 Thu 6
The Nut Job (G) Fri-Sun 12:40 Mon-Thu 5:40
Philomena (PG) Fri 12:20-3:40-6:50-9:20 Sat 3:40-6:50-9:20 Sun 12:20-3:40-6:50-9:20 Mon-Thu 5:45-8:30
Pompeii (14A) Fri-Sun 9:30
Son of God (14A) Fri-Sun 3:15-6:40-9:50 Mon-Thu 8:10



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Film isn't too Divergent from reality

Plenty of parallels. Young actor Theo James talks about the story's mass appeal with young people



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The new young adult movie *Divergent* declares, "The future belongs to those who know where they belong."

In the film, a Big Brother style government has divided the post-apocalyptic Chicago into five factions: the altruistic Abnegation sect, the peace loving Amity, the "I cannot tell a lie" Candor group, the militaristic arm Dauntless and the smarty-pants Erudite.

In the middle of this muddle is Four, played by Theo James, a Dauntless warrior with a sensitive side. He's a mentor of sorts and love interest to Tris (Shailene Woodley), a 16-year-old who has recently pledged to Dauntless. During her grueling training, Four helps her disguise the fact that she is "divergent," a person who cannot be pigeonholed into just one designation.

James, the English-born star, beat out half of young Hollywood for the role, which was made popular in the wildly successful *Divergent* series of books.

Sales of more than five million copies puts the novels into Hunger Games territory, but why are they so popular with teens?

"I think there are two things to summarize it," says James, a philosophy graduate from the University of Nottingham.

"One, on a generalist level, it's a good story to be able to be involved in in the same way as some others in the genre are.

"The faction system is a good thing for young people to grab hold of because they can question themselves. They can say, 'Which one would I be in?' There are cliques in high school, and it has those kinds of ramifications.

"There are other high school parallels; it's a big assembly hall, there is a kind of teacher, there is a kind of ceremony, which is almost like graduating from high school.

"Then there is the college era, being in Dauntless and then choosing what kind of job you're going to go into. It has those fun things to be able to latch on to.

"On top of that there is the fantasy level of being in a world which is relatable because it is Chicago. You can see these landmarks, so it makes sense, but then it is the future so there is something more fantastic about it. As a result of that, there is also a deeper world you can step into.

"Then, you wonder about the generation now. Growing up they are constantly hearing the conversation about depleting resources and all these kind of environmental things.

"Not to say that everyone is partaking in it, but you can't get away from it so they're hearing, 'Oh,

the population is massive. China is two billion; we're not going to have enough resources by this time. Look at India.' As a result they are questioning the future and are questioning how they will be in the future and how their kids will be, so maybe it is kind of a relatable fantasy."

Quoted

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Theo James on the world of *Divergent*

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20 years later. New book examines the lasting legacy of Kurt Cobain and Nirvana



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On the afternoon of April 8, 1994, news came that a body had been found in a greenhouse behind 171 Lake Washington Blvd. E. in Seattle. The victim had died of a self-inflicted gunshot wound to the head.

Twenty years later, we're still fascinated by Kurt Cobain, his music and his legacy. Charles R. Cross, author of the Cobain biography *Heavier Than Heaven*, tries to explain why Kurt and Nirvana still matter with a new book, *Here We Are Now: The Lasting Impact of Kurt Cobain*.

If you were there, you

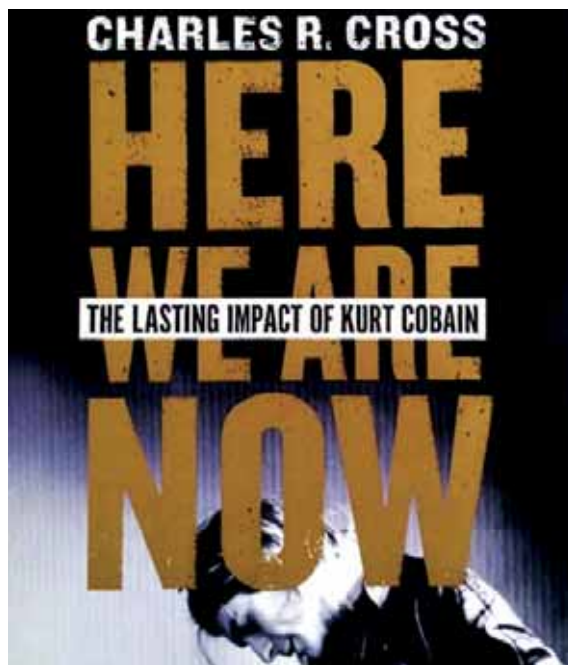
know why Kurt matters. But if you weren't...

It's been two decades, so virtually almost everyone in college today wasn't alive when Kurt was a current artist. So the debate does spring up. Why does Nirvana matter? Who was Kurt? And what is it about this music that is significant in our cultural history? That's what I attempt to tackle in this new book.

So how do we not sound like that grumpy old guy who's always yelling at us to get off his lawn?

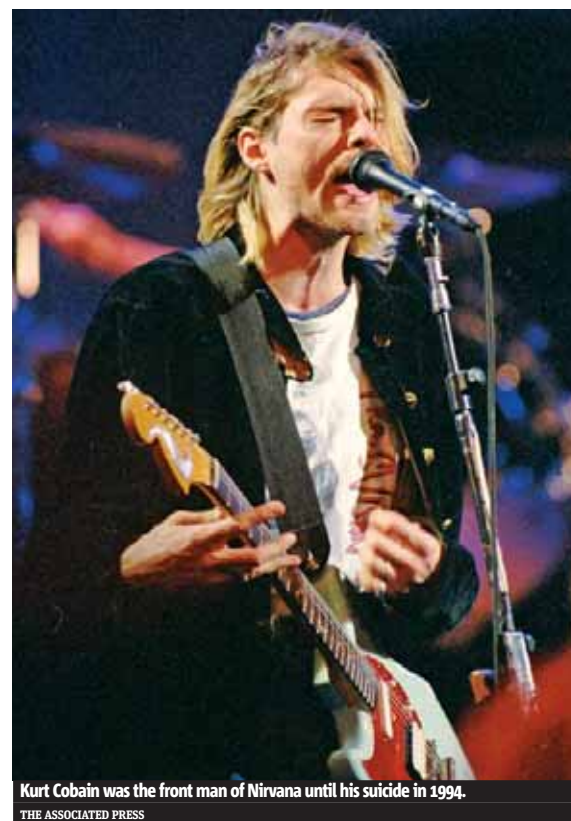
Well, you DO sound old! But I think there's a great nostalgia for that era. Rarely am I at a show where I feel that the whole axis of the universe is tilting. And that's the way it felt with a lot of these Seattle bands in the late '80s and early '90s. The music these men created has ramifications that are being felt today.

To look at the impact of just *Nevermind* — an album that has sold some-



where north of 30 million copies — it is truly extraordinary. You wonder how

many people who bought that record started a band because there's so much of the sound of Nirvana that you can hear in the groups that followed.



Kurt Cobain was the front man of Nirvana until his suicide in 1994.
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Skrillex's new album *Recess* is currently streaming on his free iPhone and Android app, *Alien Ride*. CONTRIBUTED

Prince of dubstep wants to play on new album *Recess*

Skrillex. Grammy-winning producer's first full-length features collaborations with Chance the Rapper, Ragga Twins and others

Skrillex has dropped a surprise on the Internet this week, a full-length album featuring big-name collaborations and refreshing twists on the dubstep beat.

American electronic music producer Sonny Moore, 26, has become one of the best-known names in the dubstep genre since he first started releasing tracks on his Myspace page under the name Skrillex in 2010.

Since then, both he and the genre have gained a lot of name recognition. Skrillex has picked up six Grammy Awards, and dubstep's distinctive noise — the pulsing wub-wubs and lurching drops — have percolated into mainstream pop and dance radio hits.

Despite the success, Skril-

lex hadn't actually released a full album. That changed Tuesday, when, with little fanfare, tracks from his debut release *Recess* began to stream on his free app *Alien Ride* for iPhone and Android.

At first listen, the standout tracks are those where Skrillex teams up with high-profile collaborators including Chance the Rapper, Diplo and Passion Pit vocalist Michael Angelakos.

The eponymous and instantly danceable *Recess* blends the talents of Angelakos, Kill The Noise and Fatman Scoop into a bouncy, high-energy piece that's easy to leave on repeat.

The mid-album track *Coast* is Clear, carried by Chicago's Chance the Rapper, is another highlight, and a marked departure from the typical dubstep sound. Vocal harmonies and brass backup add much-needed variety and texture to the album.

And Doompyp Poomp is nothing but nonsensical fun — a mishmash of off-kilter beats, filtered vocal samples, tambourines, bells and other delightful noise accents.

The rest of the album is more hit-and-miss. When the hook catches, the track can hold an instant appeal (*Ease My Mind*) but in other places the waves of bass and drops can become overwhelming, and even worse, indistinguishable.

But it's probably best not to think too hard about Skrillex — if the music works for you, the appeal is visceral, and if it doesn't, no amount of critical analysis will change that.

Skrillex has explained his music shouldn't be taken too seriously.

"At the end of the day it's DANCE music," Skrillex wrote in an interview on social news site Reddit a few days before *Recess* debuted.

"Dancing is supposed to be fun ... it's not politics."

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Andrea Martin is Working the Engels behind the scenes of new sitcom, too

In the brood. Show's family dynamic carries over off-screen as star nurtures cast, works with old SCTV pals

It seems Andrea Martin's role as an irrepressibly madcap matriarch on *Working the Engels* also extends behind the scenes.

The decorated 67-year-old SCTV comedian is seated next to her new co-star Kacey Rohl, and the discussion shifts to the third episode of the new Global series, which debuted Wednesday night.

It's an instalment that features bits of physical comedy both from Martin — who gyrates her way through a hip-hop dance routine — and Rohl, whose character awkwardly navigates a stripper pole.

Here, Martin grabs hold of the conversation. "I can't be-



Andrea Martin as Ceil Engel, second from right, in *Working the Engels*, with former SCTV cast mate Eugene Levy. SHAW MEDIA

lieve I haven't talked to you about that, by the way," said Martin, turning to her co-star. "That is such amazing phys-

ical comedy you do on that pole. It was shot beautifully. It was so funny, really — the whole episode should be about that."

Of course, nurturing nature aside, the seemingly down-to-earth Martin doesn't share much in common with her unhinged, self-obsessed Engels counterpart, whose dysfunctional, heavily indebted brood of three children is forced to band together to save the family's law firm when her husband suddenly dies.

Azura Skye plays divorced, recovering pill-popper Sandy, Benjamin Arthur portrays ex-con ne'er-do-well brother Jimmy while Rohl is the put-upon family fulcrum — and the only one with a law degree.

Praise from co-star

"When we showed up on set, she created this nice ease and simplicity to everything."

Co-star Benjamin Arthur

The show was created by Katie Ford (Miss Congeniality) and Jane Cooper Ford, and Martin said that having women at the head of the sitcom — once a rarity — lent the show a different feel.

"The female energy was fabulous, actually," said Martin, a two-time Emmy winner and Tony Award victor. "Not for any political reason — 'Yeah, come on, it's our turn!' — it's just there was a different vibe to it."

More familiar is the impressive lineup of guest stars who have already filmed appearances, a number that includes Colin Mochrie, Kids in the Hall veteran Scott Thompson, Argo actor Victor Garber and Martin's old SCTV pals Martin Short and Eugene Levy.

In the case of those last two, Martin says the bond she still shares with her old comedic collaborators allows for a comfortable chemistry.

"We talk three or four times a week, all of us," she said. "It just felt like an extension of being in somebody's

living room, except there were cameras.

"We both have the same work ethic, Marty and I do. We all come from the same training, so we're up to improv any time, but both of us are perfectionists. We're very methodical about getting the scene so it's right and making sense and then being silly."

Skye, meanwhile, shrugs away Martin's modesty and says it's "solely a testament" to the screen and stage actress that such marquee guests would support a show that "hasn't even aired yet."

Indeed, it's Martin who receives the greatest share of her co-stars' unsolicited, unqualified praise.

"When we showed up on set, she created this nice ease and simplicity to everything," said Arthur, before he and Skye commiserated on occasionally worrying that their performances were too broad.

"There definitely have been a couple times (where I've thought) 'Are we crossing the line into the absurd? Are we slipping on banana peels?'" Skye said. "But it seems to be rooted in something very grounded and very real, and once again that is Andrea. You watch her stuff and it's very much like that."

"It is on the hilarity end of the spectrum but at the same time it comes from a very real, very truthful, organic place."

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Fall Out Boy, Tommy2Stix and a Game of Thrones mixtape



Rat a Tat feat. Courtney Love/ Fall Out Boy

The ninth video from FOB's Save Rock and Roll features Courtney as an evil dictator. Two more videos to go and FOB will have completed their Young Blood Chronicles mini-movie.



Cripple Flow/ Tommy2Stix

Tomas may suffer from a rare form of muscular dystrophy, but he's not letting that get in the way of a music career. You need to see the video to get the full effect of Tomas' "motivational cripple" approach to life.



Mother of Dragons/ Big Boi

In an attempt to broaden the cultural appeal of Game of Thrones, HBO commissioned a mixtape. It works better than you might think.

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Garret is a thief who steals not from the rich, but from the miserable. He's a sulky, unlikeable fellow in a heavily oppressed city that is both difficult to navigate and melancholy in mood. When he prowls the night it's to break into hovels and loot lowly possessions from dirty bedrolls and broken cupboards. Where's the mischievous glee in taking a battered woman's wedding ring? The rooftop walkways, rope-firing arrows and secret compartments are neat, but get lost amidst drab, confusing adventures. **KRIS ABEL**



Box-office bonanza

Stars set to spring into action on Broadway

It's going to be an abnormally hot spring — on Broadway, at least. This season is so laden with stars it's practically galactic. Not only are several powerhouse thespians taking centre stage, but so are a smattering of popular personalities from film and TV. Veterans of the Great White Way include Neil Patrick Harris in the highly anticipated Broadway premiere of Hedwig and the Angry Inch and Idina Menzel in new musical If/Then.

Their peers, who may be more recognizable in 2-D, take on mostly straight plays. Bryan Cranston (Breaking Bad) leads as President Johnson in All the Way. There's also Renaissance man James Franco tackling the literary classic Of Mice and Men. Daniel Radcliffe (Harry Potter) is back — following Equus and How to Succeed in Business — in The Cripple of Inishmaan, a black comedy about an Irish orphan.

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What marrying gay best friend taught a fool for love about true romance

The Marriage Act.

Liza Monroy says her marriage of convenience taught her how to fall in love for real

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Author Liza Monroy, a self-proclaimed love fool, gleefully admits her appreciation for the romantic comedy genre in her new memoir, *The Marriage Act*.

While she isn't deluded by fantasy, she insists that every relationship can be distilled into a rom-com. Take her first marriage — to her gay best friend in 2001, just after 9/11 — for example. "With Emir, everything was so absurd, a comedy of errors," she says.

Her book details the set pieces of that story, which includes a cast of characters and series of coincidences that can only be described as filmic.

Monroy's friend-turned-husband, Emir, is from a conservative Middle Eastern country and his visa is expiring; he has not yet come out to his family.

Meanwhile, the pair fear outing themselves to Monroy's mother, a visa chief for the State Department, and en-



Author Liza Monroy CONTRIBUTED

dangering Emir's hopes for a green card.

Hilarity — like their Vegas nuptials officiated by an Elvis impersonator — and anxiety — like dodging questions about circumcision at the INS — ensue. Spoiler alert: As with most rom-coms, their narrative has a happy ending.

More than a decade later, Emir remains legally in the U.S., and both of them have found the kind of life partners they had wished for in their early '20s.

Moreover, DOMA, the fed-

eral law that defined marriage as a union solely between partners of the opposite sex, was struck down last June, meaning that nowadays no one will need to make the same sacrifice that Monroy did for her friend.

Although no longer legally bound to Emir, she still loves him, in a way that transcends traditional, silver-screen notions of the word. "We are together forever because our friendship — our sibling-hood — continues," she says.

And while she says every-



thing is different from one relationship to the next, and that her unconventional partnership with Emir wasn't a tutorial for married life, the newlywed has learned over time how to fall in love for real — that is, with oneself first. She offers her advice:

Use your judgment

"Ultimately, when you find the right person, you feel it. You wouldn't even think about needing advice or asking for outside input. Not that you're fully in bliss 24 hours a day, but after a conflict, you never think, 'Maybe I shouldn't be in this relationship.' You know it's not going to work out the minute you bad-mouth your partner to your friends. That's a red flag."

Quoted

"We are together forever because our friendship — our sibling-hood — continues."

Author Liza Monroy, on her friend and ex-husband Emir

Be ready

"Get to a place in your life where you're completely fine on your own, so that you don't have expectations of a partner. Not that you shouldn't expect anything (in a relationship), but realize that you don't need someone to do things for you or make you feel validated. I finally decided I didn't need a relationship. If a guy showed up who fit into (my life), great; if not, I'm just fine on my own path. When he appeared, it was a nice bonus and surprise."

Be independent

"(Marriage) makes you more independent because you are joining forces with somebody; you always have a teammate. Knowing that someone has your back liberates you to take risks, pursue dreams and really just be who you are. If someone keeps you from doing the things you want, makes you claustrophobic or is possessive, then they're the wrong person for you."

Let go

"You can't control what another person thinks, does, feels

— and shouldn't try to. That's why the best relationships are effortless, because you just let each other be, to grow naturally together instead of growing apart. Relinquishing control is an important clue that a relationship will last."

In her shoes

Although the nation's laws and attitudes toward the LGBTQ community are shifting (slowly) in a more tolerant direction, Monroy says if she needed to ensure Emir's security in the U.S., she would do it all over again. And, as she says in *The Marriage Act*, one of her criteria for a partner is somebody who respects her decision to have married Emir.

So how did her new husband, Jason, react when she told him? Exactly as you'd hope: He said he would have done the same thing for his friend, too.

She adds that it was the ultimate litmus test, confirming that he was the right guy for her. "He and Emir get along really well," she beams. "They're similar in that they're extroverted, thoughtful, witty people, so they really hit it off."

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Mad king of Jeopardy! finally off the throne

Arthur Chu. Rebellious quiz-show champ is unseated by question about George VI

Arthur Chu, who won big money while taking heat for his renegade style, finished in third place with zero dollars on Wednesday's edition of the syndicated quiz show Jeopardy!

He had reigned for 12 days. His total winnings were \$297,200 US. "A great run," summed up host Alex Trebek.

Chu was unseated by Diana Pelouquin of Ann Arbor, Mich., who led for the day with \$15,700.

Chu had struggled for much of the show when, in Final Jeopardy, he risked, and lost, his entire day's bankroll — \$6,400 — on the question: "He was the last male monarch who had not previously been Prince of Wales."

Only Pelouquin had the correct response: George VI.

The 30-year-old Chu, a resident of Broadview Heights, Ohio, has described himself on Twitter as "mad genius, comedian, actor and freelance voiceover artist."

He applied that mad genius in his approach to Jeopardy! brinkmanship, ditching the time-honoured practice of polishing off each category's questions one by



Host Alex Trebek with Jeopardy! champion Arthur Chu. JEOPARDY! PRODUCTIONS

one. Instead, he took a hopscotch approach to his category choices, which tended to keep his opponents off-kilter.

He also concluded that the bottom rows of the game board are most likely to contain the hidden Daily Doubles, and he played accordingly.

Chu's strategy fuelled indignation from Jeopardy! traditionalists, who contended that such an aggressive style was somehow unsportsmanlike and exhibited a lack of respect for the game.

Chu "rejected the unwritten rule that the guy or gal with the most facts wins,"

said On the Media host Brooke Gladstone on an episode of the public radio show last month, "and replaced it with the appalling idea that you can outwit your opponent with the wily application of game theory."

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Still can't beat Ken

Chu's style was much different from that of legendary know-it-all Ken Jennings, who a decade ago set a Jeopardy! record with 74 consecutive victories while winning \$2.5 million US.

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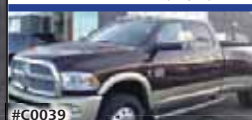
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The Word

Woodley got the OK from Lawrence for Divergent role

MELINDA TAUB
Metro World News

In any career, it's best to find yourself a mentor when you're just starting out — someone who's been where you are and can advise you.

However, if that career is "starring in a blockbuster trilogy based on bestselling books about a brave young girl thrust into a world of dystopian violence," your mentorship options are limited. To, oh, one other person.

Divergent star Shailene



Woodley didn't let that stop her — she reached out to her young-adult-adaptation forebear, Jennifer Lawrence, before agreeing to star in Divergent. "I asked Jennifer

Lawrence, 'Are you happy with your choice to take on The Hunger Games?'" Woodley revealed to Teen Vogue. "And she said she wouldn't change it for the world. She told me, 'There are some things — don't make a sex tape, don't do drugs, don't do things in public — that you wouldn't want other people judging you for. But this is the best decision you'll ever make.'"

That kind of sounds like Shailene Woodley also asked Jennifer Lawrence for advice on whether to make a sex tape. I'm glad Jennifer said "Nope." It sounds like Shailene has been very discreet, though: She says she's never hooked up on set. After the shoot wrapped, though? That's different. "Well, that might have happened on something..." she said.

Robin plays good father as cancelled shows mount up

Robin Thicke took some time out from his tour over the weekend and flew to Vancouver to spend time with estranged wife Paula Patton and their son, Julian, according to E! News. The recently separated pair seemed in good spirits, laughing together as Julian played at a playground. But maybe the trip didn't go as well as Thicke hoped it would, as he went on to cancel yet another show — this one at Ontario's Casino Rama — due to "unforeseen vocal issues," something that's plagued his tour since his split from Patton was announced.



Robin Thicke ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

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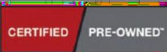
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Even though St. Patrick's Day isn't until Monday, I'm betting many of you will get the party started tonight and sashay your shillelagh into next week.

Since a quarter of Peter Rockwell comes from the Emerald Isle, I like a pint of green beer as much as the

next semi-Irish guy. What the day really brings home to me is the volume of classic booze brands that call Ireland home.

Think Jameson whiskey, Baileys Irish Cream liqueur and, for the beer fans, Murphy's, Harp, and, of course, Guinness. All from a country that's just slightly larger than

the province of New Brunswick. While you could choose any one of those (or a combo of a few) to toast St. Paddy, the real mover and shaker in Ireland is cider. No longer a simple summer sipper; the cider category has become a force to be reckoned with.

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- 1/3 cup (75 g) caster (superfine) sugar
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- 1/2 cup (125 ml) single (pouring) cream, whipped
- raspberries or strawberries, to serve

Preheat oven to 180 C (350 F). Brush the wrappers with butter and sprinkle lightly with sugar. Place in shallow patty tins, buttered-side up, and bake for 6 minutes or until golden. Cool in tin. Fill the tart shells with jam and whipped cream and top with raspberries or a slice of strawberry to serve.

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3. Add the chicken and cook for 1 minute each side. Add the coconut milk and fish sauce

and simmer the chicken for 7 minutes each side or until chicken is tender.

4. Stir through the spinach and serve with steamed rice and coriander leaves.

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The Grand Budapest Hotel

Wes Anderson fans have been waiting for months for his latest film to hit theatres. The Grand Budapest Hotel will be out Friday and everyone is in for a treat. Anderson's films always bring the promise of a star-studded cast, oddball humour and an original storyline. Grand Budapest follows the adventures of Gustave H (played by Ralph Fiennes), the infamous concierge of an upscale hotel who spends his free time befriending the lobby boy and romancing wealthy guests. calgary.film-can.com.



PARKSHOW 2014

The very fashionable 2014 PARKSHOW will be taking place at the NGA Golf Dome on March 15 (50 50th Avenue SW). Before the runway begins, guests will have a chance to mix and mingle amongst the exclusive pop-up shops and view the art installations on display. Audience members will get to see the latest in spring looks and trends from designers like EG Forge, Kazz Clothing, Bano eeMee, Camp Brand Goods, LUXX and Suka Clothing. Doors will open at 7 p.m. and the fashion show will start at 9 p.m. ourparkon-line.com/parkshow.html



St. Patrick's Day

Nobody can resist going out for St. Patrick's Day and celebrating with a green beer. Lucky for everyone, Calgary has no shortage of Irish pubs and restaurants. On March 17th, Ceilis Pubs (ceilis.com) will have live music, bagpipes and Irish music. You can also head to Molly Malone's in Kensington for a rowdy party (1153 Kensington Crescent NW; mollymalones.ca) or to James Joyce (114 8 Ave SW; jamesjoycepub.com) where you'll be served a full Irish menu with a pint of Guinness.



World Water Day

On Tuesday, March 18th, come out to observe World Water Day with the CAWST organization at the Devonian Gardens. This event is a great opportunity to learn more about water issues that we face locally and internationally. CAWST is a Calgary-based charity that has helped improve living conditions for over seven million people worldwide. This event is free and runs from 4:30 to 7 p.m. The Devonian Gardens can be found on the top floor of the CORE shopping on Stephen Avenue. cawst.org.

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Giselle

The Alberta Ballet presents Giselle, which is considered to be one of the most romantic ballets ever performed. If you enjoyed Swan Lake, you won't want to miss this fantastic performance. This is a story of love and betrayal that has been wowing audiences for over 150 years. To learn more about this ballet or to purchase tickets, you can visit: albertaballet.com. Giselle runs from March 20th to 22nd at the Southern Alberta Jubilee Auditorium.

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Curling

Koe rebounds from opening loss

Brier champion Kevin Koe rebounded from an opening loss at the Syncrude National Grand Slam of Curling event with a convincing 11-4 win over Mark Dacey in Draw 3 action Thursday.

Olympic gold medallist Brad Jacobs opened the event with an 8-6 win over Canadian Brock Virtue.

Edmonton's Kevin Martin, the Olympic champion from 2010, needed an extra end to defeat Saskatoon's Steve Laycock 6-5.

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CFL

Chamblin locked up through 2017

Corey Chamblin is staying put.

The Grey Cup-champion Saskatchewan Roughriders signed their head coach Thursday to a contract extension through the 2017 season.

Chamblin was entering the final year of the deal he signed when he first joined the Riders in 2012. Chamblin, 36, was named the CFL's coach of the year after leading the Roughriders to an 11-7 regular-season record and eventual Grey Cup title.

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Corey Chamblin GETTY IMAGES FILE



Canada's Corbin Watson makes a save on Joshua Pauls of the U.S. during sledge hockey action in Sochi on Wednesday. PAVEL GOLOVKIN/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Shut out in Sochi

Paralympics. Canada overpowered by U.S. in sledge hockey semi

There won't be a hockey sweep in Sochi.

Declan Farmer had two goals and an assist Thursday as the United States defeated Canada 3-0 in the sledge hockey semifinals at the Paralympic Winter Games.

It's a bitter pill to swallow for the Canadians, who were trying to become the first country to win the men's, women's and sledge hockey tournaments at an Olympic and Paralympic Games.

"We were tight. There's no secret that we weren't mak-

Mental meltdown

"It was just one of those games where I think maybe we were trying a bit too hard."

Canadian head coach Mike Modin reacts following his team's 3-0 loss

ing crisp, on-the-tape passes, and that hurt us. At the same time, we had our chances," said Canadian captain Greg Westlake. "It seemed like we'd have this 10-bell chance at their end and then they'd come back and the puck would end up in our net."

Joshua Pauls added a goal and an assist for the U.S., while Steve Cash made 11 saves to get the shutout.

The Americans will face Russia in Saturday's gold-medal game at Shayba Arena

after the hosts defeated Norway 4-0 in Thursday's other semifinal.

Corbin Watson stopped seven shots for Canada, which will play Norway for bronze on Saturday.

Gold medallists in 2006, Canada was also looking to avenge a disappointing fourth-place finish on home soil in Vancouver in 2010 and was perfect through three round-robin games, outscoring the opposition 15-1.

But on a night where

nothing seemed to go their way, the Canadians failed to convert numerous chances in front of Cash, a trend that started in their 1-0 victory over the Czech Republic on Tuesday.

The Americans will play for gold for a second straight Paralympics after winning the tournament four years ago.

The U.S. was upset by Russia 2-1 in their final group game here to set up the semifinal against their bitter rivals.

Canada came in having won the 2013 world championship and world sledge hockey challenge — with both victories coming over the U.S. — but lost two of three exhibition meetings with the Americans in the lead-up to the Paralympics. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Trafford died of self-inflicted asphyxiation: Police



Former OHL player Terry Trafford TERRY WILSON/OHL IMAGES

Media reports say a Canadian junior hockey player whose body was found in Michigan this week died from asphyxiation, which police believe to have been self-inflicted.

The reports say autopsy results for Terry Trafford, 20, were released Thursday — two days after the missing athlete was found in an SUV in the parking lot of a Walmart store in Saginaw Township.

Trafford, who played for the Saginaw Spirit, had last been seen about 9:30 a.m. on March 3 at the Dow Event Center, the team's home arena.

Brief break

The Ontario Hockey League postponed the Spirit's game on Wednesday so the team could mourn his death. The team will resume its season Friday in Sault Ste. Marie.

At one point in the search, police said they believed Trafford, a centre with the Spirit, might have left the state to return to his hometown of Toronto.

His girlfriend previously

told The Saginaw News that he was devastated after the team sent him home "for partying on a road trip."

Trafford had been living with team president Craig Goslin and the News reported Thursday that Goslin told a news conference that "none of us saw this coming."

"Everybody around Terry that loved him — the coaches, the players, former players, his billets — none of us ever saw any sign of depression," Goslin said. "If he had depression, he certainly had it hidden pretty deep." THE CANADIAN PRESS

NHL takes aim at faceoff goof-offs

Rule book. GMs look to put a stop to players' tiresome time-wasting tactics

A tired team ices the puck late in a close game and wants to buy as much time to breathe as possible. So one of the wingers steps in on the ensuing faceoff knowing he'll commit a violation to get thrown out and replaced by the regular centre.

It's a play many general managers have seen often and want to get rid of.

"We all know now it's a gimmick," Bryan Murray of the Ottawa Senators said.

So at their annual March meeting, NHL GMs recommended overhauling faceoff rules. Instead of getting tossed out, violators would be forced to stay in and move 12 to 18 inches back, while the faceoff circles themselves would be altered to push players on the outside further apart.

The goal of these changes is to cut down on some of the tomfoolery going on and make



Faceoff changes recommended by GMs could make a real impact on the NHL if approved. CHARLES KRUPA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

things more fair.

"Players and coaches have caught up the management very quickly on why we wanted to have that hurry-up face-off," Doug Armstrong of the St. Louis Blues said. "We're

just hoping to get the integrity back to where we were."

Integrity of faceoffs has been debated by this group for several meetings now. If players are going into draws trying to get replaced, that represents

not only wasted time but often a less by-the-book situation on the second go.

That's because a second violation carries with it what could be a severe punishment, but one that's rarely given out.

If the new rule is approved by the competition committee — which is not a slam-dunk — and then the board of governors, it could also make centres more cognizant of breaking the rules the first time be-

Pulling the switches

There will be another rule change, pending the approval of the competition committee and board of governors.

- **Quick change.** GMs agreed to green-light teams switching ends in overtime to make way for longer line changes.
- **On hold.** Proposals to add more time to the five-minute overtime period and implementation of three-on-three play will not be approved this year.

cause it's that much harder to win a faceoff further away from the dot.

Armstrong's proposal to copy the international rule of having players at least three feet apart on the outside of faceoff circles could also mean "less B.S.," in the estimation of the New York Islanders' Garth Snow. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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Horoscopes

Aries

March 21 - April 20

Because Mars, your ruler, is on good form today, something will happen that has you jumping for joy. Make plans for your professional future but leave yourself some wiggle room in case you want to change your mind.

Taurus

April 21 - May 21

Use your imagination today. This is a great time for trying new things, especially on the work front where, if you show you are able to adapt quickly to changing circumstances, you could be promoted.

Gemini

May 22 - June 21

Your mind may be full of ideas but for best results you need to focus on the things that will be of most benefit to you. No matter how many ideas you have your energy is limited.

Cancer

June 22 - July 23

Let the world know what you are thinking. Some important people will be listening to what you have to say today and if they like what they hear it won't be long before the offers start coming in.

Leo

July 24 - Aug. 23

Are you promising more than you can deliver? Maybe, but your confidence is so high at the moment that the thought of failure does not cross your mind, which in turn makes success more likely.

Virgo

Aug. 24 - Sept. 23

You will be tempted to take a risk today and because your ruler Mercury is nicely linked to Mars, planet of action and energy, you may well pull it off.

Libra

Sept. 24 - Oct. 23

If you feel the need to brag about your success, go ahead. It's not often you make noise about how well you've done, so once in a while it's OK.

Scorpio

Oct. 24 - Nov. 22

This is a good day to take care of the little things that need doing at home and at work. Don't set yourself any grand targets, just get the small stuff done and leave the grand design to sort itself out.

Sagittarius

Nov. 23 - Dec. 21

You have so many options available to you now that it may be hard to know where to start. For best results you should spend as much time as possible in social situations.

Capricorn

Dec. 22 - Jan. 20

If someone tries to pressure you into doing something you don't approve of today, you must turn them down flat. Yes, you may owe them for favours but conscience comes first.

Aquarius

Jan. 21 - Feb. 19

With Mercury in your sign linked to Mars your mind will move fast, so fast in fact that it may take a while for the rest of you to catch up! Be careful you don't exhaust yourself — something that can happen to your mind and your body.

Pisces

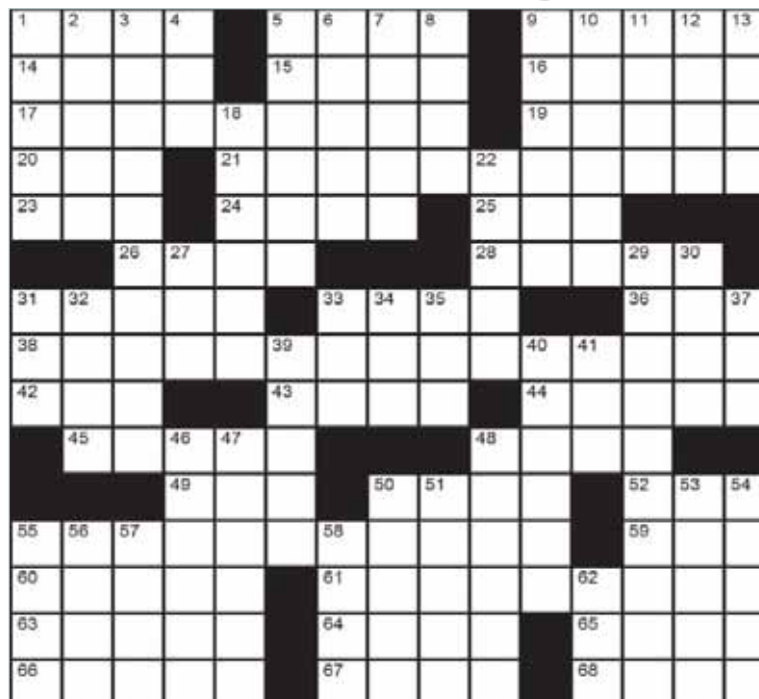
Feb. 20 - March 20

There are signs that something you have dreamed of for months is getting closer and very soon will be your reality. Remember: the more you believe that you deserve success the quicker success is likely to arrive. **SALLY BROMPTON**

Crossword: Canada Across and Down

Across

1. "Simply ___ - lous!" (Wooonderful!)
5. Bean type
9. ___ Bay, Nova Scotia
14. Pres. Lincoln's
15. In the blink ___ eye: 2 wds.
16. Part-Canadian band, The ___ Spoonful
17. Montreal's Rue Sainte-___
19. ___ (Gasket)
20. Our national thoroughfare [acronym]
21. Canadian-invented tool, Robertson ___
23. Music style
24. Golfing needs
25. German article
26. Nopes
28. Eva and Zsa Zsa Gabor's older sister
31. Trimmings tape
33. Nero's 902
36. 'Quiet' add-on
38. Canadian actor Alan Thicke co-wrote the theme song (with Al Burton and #9-10-Down) to what sitcom? ...and there's another at #1-Down! 2 wds.
42. R-through-V connection
43. Jacket parts
44. Mr. Wilson, and others
45. Catapulted
48. Not at all, ___



means

49. And not
50. Celebes creature
52. Groovy
55. Veronica Mars portrayer: 2 wds.
59. Positive vote
60. Corny corner
61. People before us all
63. Air freshener

target

64. Exec's office assistant
65. "ChiPs" name
66. Tendencies
67. "East of Eden" (1955) brother
68. Classic lettered Jaguar models

Down

1. "The ___ of Life" (Sitcom for which Robin Thicke's dad at #38-Across and mom at #9-10-Down co-wrote the theme song with Al Burton)
2. Sternward
3. Show gratitude: 2 wds.
4. Work the aisles, in slang
5. Canadian ___ (Military)
6. Blazing
7. Barn toppers
8. Again
9. With #10-Down... Robin Thicke's singer/songwriter/actress mom

See today's answers at metronews.ca/answers.

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10. #9-Down's surname
11. Tel ___
12. French film
13. Tech sch. grad
18. Screen legend Ms. Williams
22. Resign
27. TV alien
29. Prince Andrew's title: 3 wds.
30. Yemeni port
31. Picks out a suspect
32. Trivial things to pick
33. Train co. head-quartered in Montreal
34. Famous TV monogram
35. Mag. edition
37. Slithering snake's shape
39. High wave
40. Palace people
41. Possess
46. Like an ajar door
47. Pad-in-hand observers
48. Anne ___, Queen executed in 1536
50. Li'l comics guy
51. American candy maker of Canada
53. Variant-spelled hawk's nest
54. Suns
55. Kitchen cabinet opener
56. Taunt
57. Desktop symbol
58. Spaceflight gr.
62. Dallas, __.

Yesterday's Crossword



Sudoku

How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved.

Yesterday's Sudoku



Weather

TODAY



MAX: -9°
MIN: -3°

SATURDAY



MAX: 8°
MIN: -1°

SUNDAY



MAX: 9°
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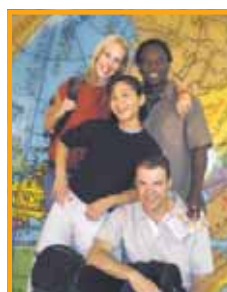
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(Luke 5:1-6 GNT)

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